

**Leading to a Better Community®
through Communication**



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With a 70+ member club, communication is key! It is critical to find efficient and effective means to reach out to all our members and ensure that they are informed and feel included in all the activities of the club - and feel valued as members through such communication. The ability to communicate with the public and the community is also important. The Communication Committee worked hard to reach out in many ways throughout the club year.

Club Newsletter: *Altrusa Tidings* is published regularly in electronic format and contains a wealth of information about club activities - past, present, and future. Email notifications were sent to members and others when each issue was published and available on the club website (www.altrusarichardson.com). The newsletter is a great marketing tool as members can simply direct guests, community supporters, and potential members to review our newsletters to see what we are all about.

Club Website: We continue to use a non-profit on-line membership management software (Wild Apricot) to help facilitate communication with members and the general public – it is a great tool with useful features that help enhance the productivity and efficiency of our club! The club website (www.altrusarichardson.com) contains valuable information for both the general public and potential members; it is a valuable interactive tool for club members as well. Each service committee has their own webpage showcasing their activities and projects.

- Club Members can log into the website for access to “member-only” information, for example: view the on-line membership directory; pay dues and invoices (via AffiniPay); review club minutes, agendas, budgets, treasurer reports, and committee lists and so much more; and view and register for upcoming club events and activities. Club forms are easily accessible along with a wealth of District and International information and links. To view the “Member Only Information”, we encourage you to sign in as an “Altrusa Guest”. (see attached Website material tab for Username and Password)
- Our major fundraiser, “Outstanding Women of Today” (OWT) Annual Awards Luncheon, has its own webpage, however, due to the pandemic we were unable to conduct our popular fundraiser in 2020. Therefore, we got creative and utilized our website’s “online store” feature to promote our “Shamrockin’ Photo Contest” with great success! The public and members were able to submit photos online for a fee to join the contest. Once all photos were received, the voting began using the “online store” for supporters to “vote” for photos by making a \$5 purchase per vote. This fundraiser lasted only 3 days, but we raised over \$4,800. Our website made this super easy and super fun!

Emails: Through the website, the majority of club communications can be automated. Emails are automatically sent through the website software so event announcement emails can be delivered several days prior to an event, a reminder can be sent a few day before the event, and members who registered on-line for an event are sent a final reminder email the day before the event. Email management is no longer an administrative nightmare. Protocol is set up in the software in advance and emails are automated from that point forward. What a time saver! Emails are used to inform members of upcoming and recent events as well as volunteer opportunities and membership updates. It is a great way to reach out to our members and help them feel connected (see attached examples).

Publicity: Most years, our publicity is mainly focused on “Outstanding Women of Today”(OWT), our annual fundraiser; however, this year, we achieved recognition for our Big Check presentation to the City Council in December 2020 and invitation to high school seniors to submit Scholarship Applications, which opened in January 2021. All this helps achieve name recognition for Altrusa in many ways!

Other: Altrusa Richardson has been recognized and publicized in a variety of new ways, the most prominent in 2020 was the Richardson Strong sign campaign. Also notable is City’s Animal Shelter Cat Adoption room complete with our name on the wall mural and paddock sponsorship at the Barkway Dog Park. We continue to use our “big check” and banners for great photos ops. We sponsored a Telehealth Room. We readily have business cards and brochures available. Through various community support outlets, we continue to receive recognition and publicity to help Altrusa be more widely recognizable (see attached examples).

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2020-2021 Club Theme

*“Achieving wonderful things through
Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion”*



President's Message

In the past few weeks, how often have you heard someone say, “These days, I don’t even know what day or what time it is?” I, myself, say this multiple times a week. It’s hard to believe that we are already into our third month of the Altrusa year, and we are still resilient as ever despite the Covid 19 quarantines. Just a couple

of months ago, we were all wondering what this year would look like. We had to cancel our most important event, OWT, and we hurriedly learned to navigate ZOOM for our club and committee meetings. Thanks to Kim Kierce and her technological savvy, we were able to continue to have our meetings, and even came up with the Sister’s Social that has given us the opportunity to stay in touch with each other.

The Zoom meetings have been an integral part to our ability to stay in touch and carry on important business. Through this means, our committees have been able to meet and have already done some remarkable things. The committees of our club are the heartbeat of our club. The valuable services they provide to the community are integral and so appreciated by the people we serve. As a club, we have been innovative, coming up with projects that several months ago no one would have thought possible. This month, Community Outreach members provided children’s socks, shoes, and underwear to Network. Also, we provided backpacks and participated in a backpack distribution drive by at area high schools. One of our newest members developed and worked with the RISD to establish a virtual tutoring program for children attending RISD schools. In addition to our projects which serve our school children, we purchased and had a dishwasher installed for Ability House and even held social distancing birthday celebrations for the residents who live there. The Kindness committee met and are continuing our Choose Kind Libraries partnership with RISD as well as the international partnerships that we have made over the years. These among other ideas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

are instrumental in keeping the Altrusa name and our mission out there. We look forward to planning and participating in our future projects.

While our committees have been extremely busy, we managed to work on the business aspects of the club as well. We continued to rely on Zoom to have our board meetings, committee meetings, and other important club business needs. The Strategic Planning committee presented the new Strategic plan to the club and it was approved as a living document. The Finance committee met and approved both the Administration and Foundation budgets. Committees have met and brainstormed ideas for the club that can be done respecting social distancing. Since we will not be holding our OWT luncheon, we are working to come up with fund raisers that will allow us to continue to help and support our community.

The next few months will be important as we see how the club will meet and continue to carry on our service projects. Since it appears that we will not be meeting in person for a while, we purchased a Zoom account for the club to use during this time of social distancing, and we will be able to use this platform even after we are able to meet face to face again. The challenges that we have been presented with seem daunting, but our club is resilient and able to take on anything to continue to serve the needs of people in our community and the world. This is who we are. We are Altrusa strong.

We are "achieving wonderful things through unity, teamwork, and compassion".

President 2020-2021

ALTRUSA ACCENT

The Website's the Place to Stay Informed and Let Members Know What's Up

EVERYONE! Please check the Events / Club Calendar for committee planning meetings. And be sure to notify **Jean Stuart or Linda Caron** when your committee makes its plans, so your meeting can be added. Help us avoid conflicting events!

Also, as committee plan events throughout the year, please notify Jean Stuart and Linda Caron ASAP to put it on the calendar to lock in your event and avoid conflicts. The following information is needed for event postings on the website:

Website Calendar Event Posting Information (to avoid delays in posting, please send all this information directly to Jean Stuart at Jeanstuart37@gmail.com and Linda Caron at lindamcaron@gmail.com)

PLEASE SEE THE NEW FILLABLE EVENT POSTING FORM ON THE MEMBER INFORMATION PAGE

SAVE THE BLANK PAGE, FILL IT OUT AND EMAIL TO JEAN AND LINDA

Upcoming Events

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>.

- Sept 1-15 "Creating for the Needy" drop off
- Sept. 08 Start Date for RISD Tutor Volunteers
- Sept. 09 Leadership Development Meeting
- Sept. 11 Hope's Door Virtual Fundraiser
- Sept. 12 10 am - 2 pm Days For Girls Workday
- Sept. 17 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Sept. 17 North Texas Giving Day
- Sept. 18 11:30 am Socially Distant Picnic
- Sept. 28 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Oct. 03 District Nine Fall Leadership Event
- Oct. 03 Virtual Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Oct. 15 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Oct. 17 1:30 pm Ability House Celebration
- Oct. 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Nov. 07 1:30 pm Shelly's Birthday Ability House
- Nov. 19 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Nov. 23 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please Note Tidings Schedule Change for This Year

The Board has approved a temporary adjustment to the club policy of a monthly newsletter. Tidings will be published quarterly: **September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1.**

This also makes a change in the deadline for submitting articles for Tidings. The new deadline is the **15th of the month prior to the publication date: August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15.**

You do not have to wait to **send your information**, send it to the editor as soon as possible, **so you don't forget** (especially since Tidings will not be published monthly). And as they say, "a picture is worth a thousand words", so don't forget to take pictures and send those, too. Send articles to Bobbi Klein raklein77@yahoo.com. *Please observe the submission guidelines as to font, font sizes and spacing. "TIDINGS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS" are on the website Members Only/Member Information page.*

Remember that Tidings is available to non-members by going on our website, so write your articles with that in mind. Tidings makes a great resource to refer potential members or sponsors.

Communication is vital to the success of our club and it's projects and Tidings is a vital link in the Communications chain. It's up to you to make sure that all members know about the great things you and your committee are doing.

DISTRICT NINE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sage Advice on Zoom from Kimberly Kierce and the Collin County Club

From Kimberly: The message below is from Altrusa Collin County who meets Thursdays at noon...during school hours. Most of our Richardson meetings are late afternoon/evening so as to not get bogged down by school connections. But, it may be a good idea to download the Zoom App on your smart device for a more secure connection, in case you experience any issues in the future. (Note: If you are hosting a Zoom meeting, the features on a computer are easier to use. there are instructions on how to host a Zoom meeting on our website under Members Only/How to Zoom.) Go to your App store and search "Zoom Cloud Meetings"

From Collin County: You may have heard that Zoom has been having some issues recently. Apparently now that school is back in session, so many schools are using Zoom to teach online that it became more than Zoom could handle. They recommended downloading the Zoom App (since it continued to play), rather than clicking the web link.



You will need to create an account but it's free and you can use it for 40 minutes at a time to communicate with family and friends! You can also log in to our Altrusa meeting from the app. Just open the app and click "join" You'll need to add the meeting ID number and password. Go to www.zoom.us

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Invitation to Serve your Club and your Community

By the 2020-21 Nominating Committee

Altrusa Richardson is more than a group of civic-minded women. We are family. We care and take care of each other and our communities. Mimi Tanner's elevator speech, created in 2007, still rings true: *"Altrusa is a wonderful group of women, united by the desire to serve the community with love and compassion. In the process, great friendships are formed, leadership skills are increased and a considerable amount of fun is to be had!"*

Serving as a committee chair or on our Club or Foundation Board provides you with an opportunity to show and strengthen your leadership skills.

The Nominating Committee just had its first meeting to develop a roadmap to ensure a successful future for our Club and the people we serve. We encourage everyone of you to consider stepping up to serve in a more prominent role. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of a board member, please check out the Job Descriptions for Club Board (on the website under Members Only/Member Information); and/or Foundation (on the website under Members Only/Foundation).

Interested? Please contact us anytime. We will love hearing from you. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions as well. We look forward to chatting with you.

–Mary Beth, Telva, Gale, Barbara



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL/DISTRICT NINE SERVICE PROJECT

Invitation to Serve your Club and your Community

By Jane Tucker District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

This past year our club had planned to hold a Days for Girls District Nine service project at Conference in April but due to the pandemic the Conference was cancelled, which delayed this project. Over the summer the supplies pledged to this project have been collected from District clubs and on August 8th a workday to assemble kits was held. Following COVID-19 safety guidelines volunteers were limited. Jane Tucker and Garland club members Mary Powlen, Elizabeth Fuentes, and Christina Contreras met at the home of District Nine First Vice Governor Shirley Raymer to assemble 134 kits. Beverly Lenoir dropped off 60 assembled kits from the Collin County club.

The Rowlett Days for Girls Team had alerted our members that there was an immediate alert calling for all Days for Girls Chapters and Teams to come together to support the DfG Lebanon Enterprises. The August 4th, 2020 massive explosion in Beirut which had



District Nine Altrusans assemble Days For Girls hygiene kits

killed more than 150, injured over 5,000 and displaced over 300,000 has created an overwhelming task for the DfG Lebanon Enterprises trying to provide emergency menstrual supplies to not only refugees but also the women and girls affected by this disaster. Because of this crisis, the 194 kits assembled were mailed to a collection point in Liberty, Missouri for shipment to Beirut.

Future workdays during the fall are planned until all the kits have been assembled. Hopefully, a total of 500 will be completed and distributed to areas in need of Days for Girls kits.

Altrusa Richardson Assists Days for Girls Turn Periods Into Pathways

By Jane Tucker District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

For three years our Club has been working with Days for Girls to assemble kits for distribution in Africa and Bogota, Columbia. The assembled kits containing shields, liners, panties, a washcloth, soap, transport bag, menstrual chart, and drawstring bag have allowed hundreds of women and girls to manage their menstruation with dignity and help shatter the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation.

Another area of Days for Girls has emerged. Starting in 2012, a small team of leaders Uganda began the mission of developing the goal of Days for Girls into a sustainable, locally oriented business model allowing women and girls the opportunity to make and sell the kits for themselves. It took a year of program design, planning, and evaluation to officially launch the Days for Girls Enterprise in 2013. More than ever before, due to the pandemic the world is in upheaval and Days for Girls kits are in high demand. During the first quarter of 2020, Days for Girls African Enterprises were able to provide employment opportunities for women in sub-Saharan Africa. In March, Enterprise leaders in sixteen countries met in Kenya and Uganda with a team from Days for Girls International. These leaders were instructed on ways to improve their businesses which included branding, marketing, reporting, time management, budgeting, and goal setting. They also received information about improvements to the Ambassador of Women's Health and Men Who Know curriculums. The leaders also met with and received support from government officials in Kenya and went to schools to provide menstrual education and DfG kits. Even with the recent COVID-19 pandemic crisis the Days for Girls African Enterprises have continued to provide menstrual supplies and education to women and girls. They have even started making masks for local healthcare workers and those individuals most vulnerable to spread the virus.

More than ever before, these women and girls in Africa are needing our help to keep up the work that is going on there. To assist in this effort our club has donated items to help the Days for Girls Enterprise in Kumpala, Uganda. Through an Altrusa International Days for Girls grant our club has been able to not only help with purchasing and helping to prepare almost 500 kits for our 2020 District Service Project but through our workshop sessions held in January and February 2020 have also able to cut extra shields and transfer bags which our club has donated to the Highland Village Days for Girls Team. They plan to send the supplies to the Kumpala Enterprise which will allow them to sew over 200 shields and transfer bags. To quote Celeste Mergens, Founder and CEO of Days for Girls, "Periods don't pause for pandemics" so we need to continue supporting the effort of helping **every girl, everywhere, period.**



UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES
2020 U.N. Days and Observances

Excerpted from www.un.org



International Literacy Day, September 8, 2020: International Literacy Day 2020 focuses on "Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond," especially on the role of educators and changing pedagogies

International Day of Peace, September 21, 2020: The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

United Nations Day, October 24, 2020: UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, November 25, 2020: The [Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) Issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."

*It is with great sadness that we
note the passing of Altrouser
Kurt McIntyre, husband of
Cindy McIntyre
on August 6, 2020.*

*Cards can be sent to:
Cindy McIntyre
5704 Sowerby Dr.
Richardson, TX 75082*

The text is enclosed in a decorative frame with orange and yellow floral scrollwork in the corners.

KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kindness Committee is Spreading Kindness to Our Military

By Sue McElveen/Linda Caron (co-chairs)

The Kindness Committee is doing mailings to our military serving in Kuwait, and other areas in the middle east, over the next 4 months. We would like to ask each of you to contribute just a moment or two of your time. Here is how it will work. First option is to hand write a note of encouragement on a card and mail it to either **Sue McElveen at 11221 Cactus Lane, Dallas, TX 75238** or to **Linda Caron at 2713 Sherrill Park Dr., Richardson, TX 75082**. Second option is to send an email to **Cindy McIntyre** with a note of encouragement and she will copy them and print them. These notes will be put into the boxes we are packaging to send the second week in September. We would love to include at least five notes per box and we will mail six boxes at a time.

The next batch of boxes will be mailed the end of September, so we would need thirty more notes for that mailing. If you have grandchildren that you could get to draw a picture, write a note or even just their name, I am sure would bring a smile to a weary, homesick soldier.

There will be one mailing each month in October, November and December. Perhaps in November you could use the Thanksgiving theme and in December send a Christmas or Hanukkah card. Cards should be mailed by the first of each month so they can arrive in time for the packaging. Again we would like at least at least thirty notes each month.

We have about seventy-one members currently, so let's see if we can all pitch in and once a month write a note or email to our women and men serving our country.

Thanks in advance for your help. This is sort of our COVID answer to a "Hands On" project.

KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kindness Committee Spreading Kindness Around the World

By Sue McElveen/Linda Caron (co-chairs)

The Kindness Committee has been busy this summer with getting our plans for the 2020-2021 fiscal year started. We have made or will make monetary donations to the following charities:



Kids of the VIMA Orphanage

\$432 to TeachHaiti that helps with the education of Willnise Pierre Louis, a little girl going into the 5th grade

\$500 to HELPS International where we are supporting the education of Senayda Isabela Torres Medina who will be in the seventh grade this school year

\$200 of our budget is going to Think Kindness/VIMA – Ghana, a new charity we chose to support because it is an orphanage in Ghana where we donated a Choose Kind Library in 2019. They are in need of educational supplies as well as cleaning and sanitizing supplies due to the COVID-19 virus.

\$350 is going to support Mike’s Kids (through Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries) which helps a non-profit feed and clothe the poorest in the Rio Grande Valley. We also have a Choose Kind Library at the El Puente Orphanage in Matemores. Mike’s Kids was founded by our Altrusa President Samantha Slaight’s late husband.



Pictured here are some of the troops displaying much needed and appreciated support “Care Packages” that we have sent previously

Our “hands-on” project for the first half of this year is to send boxes of desired items to our military in the Middle East. We are working with three chaplains to distribute the items as they see fit. Sue McElveen has been hard at work finding the best deals on items like baby wipes, razors, jerky, and coffee packets. The plan is to send several boxes of goodies at a time to a chaplain over the remaining months in 2020. We will rotate through the committee roster so that only 2 members at a time are preparing and shipping the boxes.

Another project we have begun to plan is to purchase, package, and donate feminine hygiene items to New Friends New Life (NFNL) which is a 501 (c) (3) organization located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area dedicated to restoring and empowering formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and their children. This project will be done during the first half of 2021.

ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

Proposed 2020-2021 Ability House Event Calendar



Ability Connection

Enriching the lives of people with disabilities...one person at a time

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robert 8/5	Birthday 08/08
Fall/ Halloween	10/16 **tentative date, more details to come!
Shelly 11/4	Birthday 11/07
Christmas Party	12/12
Vera 2/24/19	Birthday 02/27
Kathleen 3/3	Birthday 03/06
Henry 3/16	Birthday 03/20
Nina 4/28	Birthday 05/01

The residents are suffering from their confinement just as we all are. Why not send a card to any and all of the residents at Ability House? Address: **615 Woodhaven Pl, Richardson, TX 75081**

ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

Ability House Committee

By Rosemary Gouger, Committee Chair

Robert's Casper the Ghost birthday party was great! I hooked up with Achaia, the tall, lovely caregiver from the Congo. She took pictures for us since we cannot go inside the house. She is an angel and when I thanked her for helping us with everything, she responded that it is "her honor" to serve the residents and to help us as we help them. Our "Shero" for Robert's birthday was Alma Benoit who got all of his cool presents. We had to celebrate outside in the yard but had a good time anyway. We all learned or relearned and sang the old Harvey Cartoon theme song for Casper and Happy Birthday at the window for him while they all cheered. Everyone was in great spirits.

The new dishwasher was delivered in July. It's a 2020 Maytag (my research says this model is the top rated for dependability). A special thank you goes to Ann Payne and her husband, who graciously donated \$225.00 of the bill to help Ability House and save our budget. While working with Tammy in the large appliance department of Richardson's Lowes we struck up a conversation about where the new dishwasher was going. Tammy asked me if we would like to be on their donations email for any surplus items that Lowes can donate. Of course, we said "YES". I have since received an email telling us that there are items to share. I called Landon Cole from Ability Connection to find out what we needed to do, and met hm at Lowes to introduce him to Tammy. There were lots of interior moldings, a large area rug, lots of five gal. buckets of paint and interior doors available. Tammy was also working on a microwave and a Bosch dishwasher to add to the available donation items. Tammy says that Ability House will be her new "favorite" charity. Tammy also helps get donations for an Autistic center that she and her mother work at as well. Tammy at Lowes is our new "Shero", too.



Robert (left) and Henry (right) impatiently wait for cake



Robert (left) enjoys cake but keeps his eye on his presents



(L-R) Henry, Shelly, Kathleen and Vera enjoy cake, ice cream and soda



(Pictured L-R) Robert, Henry, Shelly, Kathleen and Vera. Nina is out of the shot at left front



Robert's Casper Cake



The three photos above show the new Maytag dishwasher being installed

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Community Outreach (current) Projects Summary

By Carol Ruskowski, Committee Co-Chair

Projects you may be interested in as presented at the Business Meeting on July 16, 2020. These events will also be posted on the website soon for sign ups. But for now, **SAVE THE DATES!** and get involved and get connected into service again....The Heartbeat of Altrusa!

Community Outreach - NETWORK

- **Need:** new shoes, socks and panties/briefs – both boys and girls – all sizes
- \$250 has been designated from Community Outreach Budget. Still need donations.
- If you order from Amazon, please be sure to use the SMILEAMAZON feature on Amazon so that our club can benefit financially (contact Kimberly if you need help connecting your Amazon account or order with SmileAmazon to benefit "Altrusa Richardson Foundation")
- **Deliver to Carol R., Gloria S. or drop off with Alma Benoit. Carol will pick up if you call her and schedule a time.**
- **Deadline Date: Tuesday, August 8th**

Community Outreach – NETWORK

120 Backpacks – Designated from Community Outreach budget. Gloria ordering 7/18/20.

RISD

- **Back-to-School Backpack Splash – Volunteers Needed** to help distribute 5,000 backpacks filled with pre-packaged school supply kits.
- This is a drive-thru type event at each of Richardson's four high schools. More information to follow.
- **Deadline Date to contact Gloria Sandoval – August 1st**
Date of event: Saturday, August 15th

Hope's Door

- **Items Needed:** Towels, wash cloths, sanitizers, masks, laundry detergent, disinfectant sprays. A budget of \$250 has been set aside for this but would,
- If possible, appreciate members to donate something.
- **Contact: Carol Ruskowski or Gloria Sandoval for pick up or drop off at their homes.**
Deadline Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Hope's Door Fund Raiser -- "Tapestry of Hope"

- **Volunteers Needed** to pick up lunch bags from Café Max at 10 a.m. and deliver to participants before 11:30 a.m. Each volunteer will have from 1-3 stops and receive a free lunch.
- **Contact: Gloria Sandoval- she will give out assignments**
Date: Friday, September 11th

1 Please, do not feel like you are being pressured into donating anything. If you are able to – that's great. If not, that's okay too!!!!!!!

2 We have three hands-on projects:

1. Back to School Backpack Splash from RISD to help distribute backpacks (Aug 15);
2. Request for volunteer tutors via zoom and/or other needs as designated by RISD (Pia Lara).
Hope's Door Fund Raiser Tapestry of Hope (Sept 11).

Times are scary and if you don't feel safe in participating in one of these projects, please follow your heart.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE
THE CORONA VIRUS CAN'T STOP ALTRUSANS

By Gloria Sandoval, Committee Co-Chair

No ugly virus stops Altrusa Richardson members when we get marching, or should we say, “get busy”. After the first Community Outreach Committee meeting on Zoom in July and with budget settled, the Community Outreach Committee got busy. The COVID virus has led to many families without a source of income making it hard for families to prepare their children for the new school year. We want to make sure children of our community will start school clean and fresh. With school starting in August or September,



Gloria Sandoval (left) and Carol Ruskowski (center) delivered five cases of backpacks to NETWORK volunteer Nick (right)

it was agreed that from the committee budget, five cases of backpacks (120) of various colors, would be purchased and donated to NETWORK of Community Ministries for their Tools4School program. NETWORK had purchased school supply kits and were placing them in donated backpacks. Gloria Sandoval and Carol Ruskowski, Community Outreach Co-Chairs, delivered the backpacks on August 3rd. Also for NETWORK, Community Outreach, with the generosity of Altrusa Richardson members, collected 255 pairs of girl’s panties, 130 boys briefs, 206 girls socks, 186 pairs boys socks and 79 pairs of new shoes. All items were delivered to Carol and Gloria’s homes, whether in person or by Walmart or Amazon. We are so lucky to have such generous

members in our club. Laurel Stanley, of NETWORK received all clothing items on August 11th. She stated that without partners like Altrusa, their work would be much harder.

On August 13, 2020, sundries requested by Hope’s Door/New Beginnings (HDNB), were delivered by Gayle Ingle, Carol Ruskowski and Gloria Sandoval to their Plano Outreach Center for their Shelter. Beth Roberts of the Plano Center said she was so happy to receive Altrusa’s donation because they were extremely low on some of these items. Funds to purchase the sundries came from the Community Outreach budget and several donations from members. Carol and Gloria shopped and emptied Walmart shelves of Suave shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste. Also requested were ziplock freezer bags, all sizes, laundry detergent, kitchen work gloves, 5 cases of masks (250), and towels. Gloria had foot surgery



Laurel Stanley of NETWORK (center) accepts the donation of children’s underwear, sock and shoes form Carol Ruskowski (left) and Gloria Sandoval (right)



Jane Merz (right) and other community volunteers distributed backpacks with school supplies to students at J.J. Pearce

serve major kudos for being at these high schools handing out backpacks on a day the temperature was close to or at 100 degrees.

Next on the agenda for Community Outreach and all Richardson Club members, is Hope's Door, Tapestry of Hope Virtual Gala to be held September 11. Drivers are needed to pick up lunches from Chocolate Angel on Campbell Road and deliver (drop off) to sponsors of this event, 1-3 locations. This is an easy project, but we need a lot of drivers. Please check our website for more information.

recently and was driving an electric cart carrying all the items. She was zooming all over the place trying to keep up with Carol.

August 15, 2020, was the RISD Backpack Bash. This was a drive through distribution of student backpacks filled with school supplies at Richardson high schools parking lots. RISD had requested Altrusa members to help with the distribution. At Berkner High School, Lynda Calkin, Lynn Solomon and Carol Ruzzkowski were there with masks and gloves handing out backpacks to recipients driving through. Jane Merz was our Altrusan at JJ Pearce High School. Mary Osentowski and Jo Leeper were at Lake Highlands High School. These ladies de-



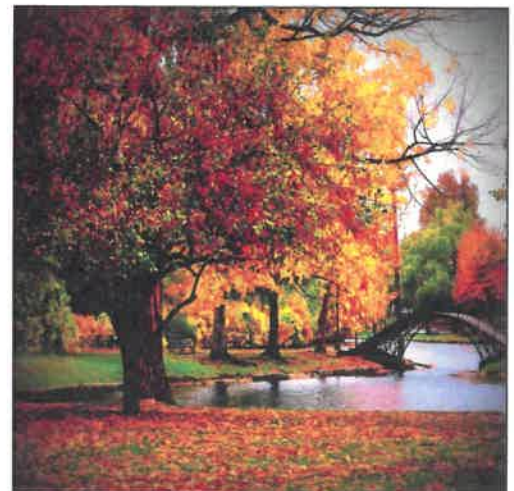
Carol Ruzzkowski (left) Gayle Ingle (center) and Gloria Sandoval (right) deliver the donation of sundries to Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center



DISTRICT NINE FALL LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

**District Awards Presentations, Key Note Speaker and more
More Information Coming Soon**



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President's Message



November is a month in which we begin to think about things for which we are thankful, and while 2020 has been a very difficult year, there are still many things for which we can be thankful. Even in a pandemic, Altrusa Richardson has done so much to give our community the things that make lives much easier. It's amazing how we have been able to think outside the box and come up with so many innovative projects. Personally, I am thankful for our members and how they have stepped forward and continued to take on projects that we previously thought would be impossible.

Our service projects are paramount to our club and our committees have done a phenomenal job. We have continued to serve Ability House residents by giving the residents birthday and holiday celebrations. Thanks to the talents of Christine Hart and her committee, the residents were given a rousing and fun puppet show to celebrate Halloween. In fact, those who were able to participate had as much fun as the Ability House residents. Additionally, the Community Outreach committee members gathered and delivered children's coats for NETWORK. Our contributions allow low income residents to receive items that they would otherwise do without. Members are donated toys that will help NETWORK's clients and their children have a wonderful holiday. The Kindness Military Project committee has sent boxes of goodies and with written notes of encouragement to our troops. Holiday notes were sent in time for whatever holiday being celebrated, whether it be Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, or others. All in all, our projects continue to be undeterred by this pandemic.

The Club has also persevered, even though our major OWT fund raising event had to be cancelled. Instead, the OWT committee, coordinated by Laura Trainor Collins and Jane Tucker, changed course and organized the

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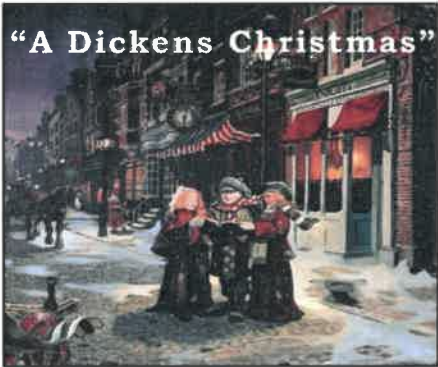
"Achieving wonderful things through Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

club to be represented during North Texas Giving Day. We raised over \$8,000 that will be put into good use funding projects so necessary to our continuing service to the community. Also, while we haven't been able to meet in person, we have been able to continue to meet virtually. The Leadership Committee held their semi-annual Leadership seminar featuring the book, "Who Moved My Cheese" facilitated by our own Brenda Duckett on ZOOM. Thank you Leadership Committee, for a most inspiring and well received seminar. Through this virtual medium, we have explored so many different ways to keep in touch.

District Nine held the Fall Leadership Conference and the 2019-2020 award ceremony in the virtual world as well. The Fall Leadership Conference featured Wendy Sheriff, who was one of our past OWT honorees. At the awards ceremony, our club was honored with three awards. We received the following honors for the 2018-2019 club year: 3rd place – Communications award, 3rd place – International Relations Award for "Kindness Ninjas Go Global", and 2nd place Edith Debusk President's Award, honoring Sarah Nesbit for her vision and leadership. Congratulations Altrusa Richardson!

A special thank you to all our members for the wonderful work that you do. Our club is very special and we really do have so much to be thankful for.



Please join us for our Holiday Celebration on zoom on December 17th. We know you will enjoy the Dickens Christmas program. This same program was performed for the Opera Guild and it was well received. It will be a wonderful celebration.

Samantha Slaight

President 2020-2021

ALTRUSA ACCENT

The Website's the Place to Stay Informed and Let Members Know What's Up

EVERYONE! Please check the Events / Club Calendar before planning committee meetings. And be sure to notify **Jean Stuart or Linda Caron** when your committee makes its plans, so your meeting can be added to the calendar. Help us avoid conflicting events!

Also, as committee plan events throughout the year, please notify Jean Stuart and Linda Caron ASAP to put it on the calendar and lock in your event to avoid conflicts. The following information is needed for event postings on the website:

Website Calendar Event Posting Information To avoid delays in posting, please send all this information directly to Jean Stuart at Jeanstuart37@gmail.com and Linda Caron at lindamcaron@gmail.com

PLEASE SEE THE NEW FILLABLE EVENT POSTING FORM ON THE MEMBER INFORMATION PAGE

SAVE THE BLANK PAGE, FILL IT OUT AND EMAIL TO JEAN AND LINDA

Upcoming Events Dec. - Feb.

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>.

- Dec. 03 6:30 pm Social Dinner at Besa's
- Dec. 07 6:00 pm Book Club Holiday party
- Dec. 08 6:30 pm Together Tuesdays on Zoom
- Dec. 10 6:30 pm Club Board Meeting on Zoom
- Dec. 12 1:30 pm Ability House Holiday party
- Dec. 17 7:00 pm Holiday Celebration on Zoom
- Jan. 12 6:30 pm Together Tuesdays on Zoom
- Jan. 21 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via Zoom
- Jan. 25 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Jan. 28 6:30 pm Club board Meeting on Zoom
- Feb. 09 6:30 pm Together Tuesdays on Zoom
- Feb. 19 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Feb. 22 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Feb. 25 6:30 pm Club Board meeting on Zoom
- Feb. 27 1:30 pm Ability House Kathleen's B-day

ENCOURAGEMENT VITAMIN “F” STYLE

By Nancy Rohm, Past President

A friend of mine shared this inspirational message with another group. She gave me permission to share it with all of you. The thought behind it, reminds me of our Altrusa Sisters, each bringing various skills to the table. It is called vitamin “F” and it goes like this.

“We are all in need of our vitamin “F”, called friendship. We have a variety of friends, and they each bring out something different in us! Some make us laugh, some joke with us, some give us advice and some bring out our polite side. Friends are like pieces of puzzles, when completed, they form a treasure box.

We all pray together, and doctors say “friends” are good for our health. I am so glad we all have a stock of vitamin “F”!

My thanks to all of you for being one of my vitamins.



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL/DISTRICT NINE SERVICE PROJECT

Altrusa Richardson Grant for “Days for Girls” Follow-up Report (Excerpt)

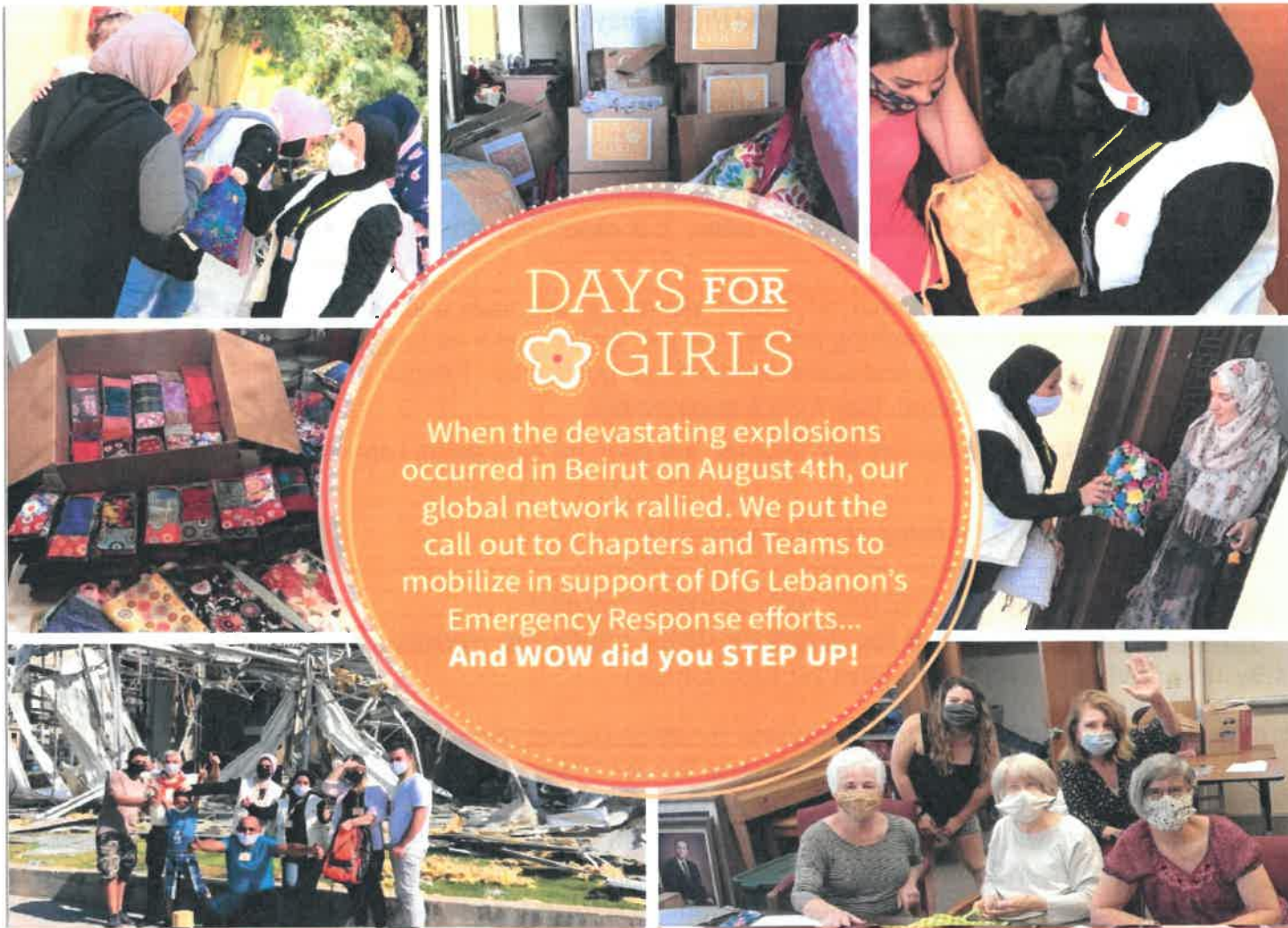
By Jane Tucker, District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

“This grant allowed for a unique endeavor by all of District Nine to promote our “Defying Gravity 2.0” theme and unite Texas with this Days for Girls Service Project, allowing our District an avenue to develop leadership skills and promote inclusion of all District Nine clubs. As host club for our 2020 District Nine Conference, the Richardson club was shouldered with providing the necessary supplies to complete this District project. Over 20 of the 35 clubs in district Nine participated in this project. Hours of purchasing supplies, cutting, sewing and assembly were done by Altrusa members all over District Nine. Days for Girls Teams were also involved in sewing kit components and helping with distribution. Our vision for this project was to have all the District Nine clubs become aware of how Days for Girls can reach out and help women and girls all over the world and what contribution, no matter how small, can lead to the monumental result of “turning periods into pathways”.

The project can be evaluated by viewing the effectiveness of having all of District Nine involved in the project. This project not only reached our goal of 400 kits but surpassed it with a final count of 700 kits. One hundred kits are going to a women’s correctional facility in Freetown, Sierra Leone. A total of eight cases containing 194 kits were shipped to Beirut, Lebanon to comply with an urgent request from Days for girls Lebanon Enterprises to help meet the tremendous needs due to the Port explosion disaster. 95 kits are going to Fundacion Familia Maya, in Guatemala. 198 kits will be distributed by high school counselors to students in Lewisville and Highland village, Texas, who are helping a large immigrant population from Burma, and 113 kits are still to be distributed. ... An estimated 200 kits can be assembled from extra kit components not needed to complete our project, that have been donated to the Uganda Days for Girls Enterprise in Kumpala, Uganda. The mission of this Enterprise is to develop a sustainable Days for Girls business model to allow women and girls the opportunity to make and sell the kits for themselves.



District Nine Altrusans assemble Days For Girls hygiene kits



DAYS FOR GIRLS

When the devastating explosions occurred in Beirut on August 4th, our global network rallied. We put the call out to Chapters and Teams to mobilize in support of DfG Lebanon's Emergency Response efforts...
And WOW did you STEP UP!

Since August 8th we have...

- ★ Fundraised **\$26,414.48 USD**
- ★ Ordered **2000 DfG Kits** and **3500 masks** from the DfG Lebanon Enterprises run by Syrian Refugees for the emergency response
- ★ Collected **27,755 DfG Kits** from 186 Chapters and Teams:
 - **12,565 Kits** have been shipped to Lebanon for emergency and humanitarian response led by DfG Lebanon
 - **5,880 Kits** have been shipped to Honduras for COVID-19 response
 - **9,310 Kits** have been shipped to Americares. They are assessing the needs of their in-country partners and will be selecting the locations most in need to receive these Kits.

Together, we are bringing comfort and dignity to **29,755 women and girls during this challenging time.**

Thank you for being adaptive, creative, and collaborative. It's truly incredible what we can achieve when we all work together!

You can follow DfG Lebanon's facebook page for updates and photos!

DISTRICT NINE

District Nine Awards 2018-2019

The Awards for President Sarah Nesbit's year 2018-2019 were announced during the virtual conference Event held on Zoom, on Thursday, October 8.

Altrusa International of Richardson, TX, Inc. was recognized with the following honors:

- ✓ 3rd place - Communications Award
- ✓ 3rd place - International Relations Award for "Kindness Ninjas Go Global"
- ✓ 2nd place Edith DeBusk President's Award honoring Sarah Ross Nesbit for her vision and leadership.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please Note Tidings Schedule Change for the Rest of This Club Year

Tidings will be published quarterly: **March 1 and June 1, 2021**. This changes the deadline for submitting articles for Tidings. The deadline is the **15th of the month prior to the publication date: February 15 and May 15**.

Please **send your information**, soon as possible, **so you don't forget** (especially since Tidings will not be published monthly). Don't forget to take pictures and send those, along with the names and order of the people in the pictures. Send articles and pictures to raklein77@yahoo.com. *Please observe the submission guidelines as to font, font sizes and spacing. "TIDINGS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS" are on the website Members Only/Member Information page.*

* Tidings is available to the public through our website, so please write your articles for public consumption.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Community Outreach Donation to Ark House

By Gloria Sandoval and Carol Ruszkowski, Co-Chairs

On October 16, 2020, Community Outreach members Mary Boyter and Gloria Sandoval presented sixteen sets of twin bed sheets to Ark House representative Betsy Meggs; also, there to welcome Betsy were Altrusans Marsha Peterson and Courtenay Tanner. Betsy stated that the bed sheets are desperately needed because, unfortunately, sometimes items belonging to Ark House seem to disappear.

The Mission of Ark House is to provide low cost temporary housing for out of town patients and their families while undergoing extended medical treatment in the Dallas area.

Patients are referred from Baylor, Medical City, UT Southwestern, Children's Hospital, Parkland Burn Center and other hospitals in Dallas. They are referred through the hospital's social worker who has identified their need, to secure affordable, temporary housing in the Dallas area while receiving extensive medical treatment. Most Ark House patients are from small towns all over Texas, including Dallas County. However, some patients may come from as far away as South America. Having a safe, clean, comfortable and most importantly affordable place to stay for sometimes months of treatment is critical to the healing process.

The project consists of sixteen apartments conveniently located to the major Dallas hospitals. These fully furnished, one-bedroom apartments that sleep four are leased by Ark House and made available to out of town patients at a charge of \$25 per day. This charge constitutes less than ½ of the cost to provide the housing, utilities, telephone and cable. Their homey atmosphere is conducive to the healing process.



Pictured above: Betsy Meggs, Marsha Peterson, Courtenay Tanner, Mary Boyter and Gloria Sandoval

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Stepping up to Meet the Needs of Families in Distress

By Carol Ruskowski and Gloria Sandoval (co-chairs)

The holidays are nipping at our heels, and typically they bring joy and excitement. This year, the COVID pandemic created situations of acute struggle and distress, the likes of which, most of us have seldom seen.

NETWORK of Community Ministries, in Richardson, prior to COVID, was serving just over 150 families per week in their Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. That number has grown to over 700 per week.

When the call for help from NETWORK came, Altrusa Richardson, a longtime supporter, stepped in to help meet their needs. Community Outreach Chairs, Carol Ruskowski and Gloria Sandoval immediately sent out an SOS to the Club membership. And you all got the message!!

Members, Jackie Scrivener and Christine Hart purchased eighty coats and jackets from the Community Outreach budget, and an additional fifty coats were purchased from donations provided by members. We received approximately thirty gently used coats, also donated from members. Sue McElveen, Kindness Committee Co-Chair, along with Carol Ruskowski jumped in to help shop. The Kindness Committee purchased an additional fifteen coats from its budget. That was a TOTAL of 175 coats! These coats were delivered to NETWORK on Wednesday, November 28th.

The Christmas Spirit continued to invade our club. Donations of toys came from members, neighbors, and friends. A large monetary donation allowed Gloria Sandoval, Deb Bourland and Carol Ruskowski to fill up several carts with toys. They were delivered to Network on Monday, November 23, 2020.

The Community Outreach committee was overwhelmed and grateful from the response of our club members.

“Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus” aka “Altrusa Richardson.”

*** God bless each of you for your generosity and prayers. Gloria and Carol*



L-R Carol Ruskowski, Gloria Sandoval, Deb Bourland and Sue McElveen



(L-R) Christine Hart, Gloria Sandoval, Deb Bourland, Gayle Ingle, Jackie Scrivener, Jane Merz, Alma Benoit, Sue McElveen and Carol Ruskowski

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Huge Donation of Toys for NETWORK's Santa Program

By Gloria Sandoval and Carol Ruskowski

On Monday, Nov. 23rd, Altrusans gathered once again at NETWORK of Community Ministries. But this time it was to provide the families they service with toys for their kids for Christmas. From donated and budgeted monies from the Kindness and Community Outreach Committees, shoppers Sue McElveen, Gloria Sandoval, Deb Bourland and Carol Ruskowski scoured the stores and bought enough toys to fill an Odyssey van and a Subaru Outback.

While Sue and Carol were standing at the register at Ross Dress for Less with two over-flowing carts, a young man asked Sue what we were doing. Sue told him and he gave us a \$20 Ross gift certificate. Almost brought tears to both of our eyes. Members and friends also joined in the fun by bringing toys as well.

The year of the pandemic brought out the kindness and generosity of our club starting with the donations of socks, shoes, panties, and back packs. Then it went on to coats/jackets and toys. You are AMAZING!



Two Cars – a Subaru outback and an Odyssey Van are filled to over-flowing with toys for the Santa Program at NETWORK thanks to the generosity of Altrusa Richardson

ALTRUSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Altrusan Barbara Berthold is Recognized by the University of Texas at Arlington

By Mimi Tanner

Altrusan Barbara Berthold is a Senior Lecturer on the faculty at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her department has nominated her for a teaching award that recognizes exemplary work ethic, a love of working with students, and a significant impact on enhancing the goals of the University.

Congratulations, Barbara!



Barbara Berthold

ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

A Kindly, Ghostly Halloween Puppet Show for Ability House

By Rosemary Gouger, Committee Chair

On October 17, 2020, our amazingly dramatic and talented Altrusans put on a puppet show for our dear friends at Ability House. Our friends at Ability House have not been able to get out since the beginning of the year due to the pandemic. We performed in the yard so that the residents could enjoy the entertainment safely through the open windows. There were lots of laughs and fun, silly ghostly sounds. The ghosts, named for our Ability friends, Robert, Vera, Shelly, Henry, Kathleen, and Nina, all decided that Halloween was another opportunity to spread kindness, not scariness.

And to top it off, we had a guest interested in Ability House and experiencing what Altrusa is all about!. Kudos to all involved!



(L-R) Rosemary Gouger, Mona Roumani, Gayle Ingle, Deb Bourland, Carol R., Christine Hart, and Jane Merz



(L-R) Mary Beth McLemore, Cindy McIntyre, Laura Trainor-Collins, Alma Benoit, Gerry Carron, Susan Fischer

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

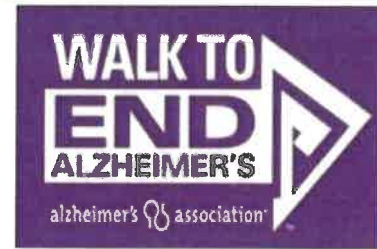
Altrusa Rallies for Walk to End Alzheimer's

By Jane Tucker, Altrusa Walk Co-Chair

On October 3rd, 2020 due to the Covid-19 virus the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's was held "everywhere" including virtually to allow supporters of this event every opportunity to participant. Annually, the Walk is the largest fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association and is held in over six-hundred communities nationwide and serves to raise awareness of Alzheimer's, as well as raise the money it needs for Alzheimer's support and research.

This year our Community Outreach Committee with Pam Johnson and Jane Tucker as Co-Chairs coordinated an Altrusa Richardson Team. Through the efforts of our members and their families we had thirty-three team members and raised \$2,572 for the Alzheimer's Association. Totally, the local Alzhiemer's Association had four hundred twenty-four teams with 1,601 participants and raised \$385,516. The money that was raised will help fund programs to accomplish the mission of eliminating Alzhiemer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all afflicted, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The Alzheimer's Association is grateful for our support. This project truly reflects how we can achieve "wonderful things through **Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion**".



On behalf of the Community Outreach Committee, Pam and I wish to thank our members, their families and friends for supporting **The Walk To End Alzheimer's 2020**. There really are no words to express how grateful we are to all of you for making our **Team Altrusa Richardson** so successful. We raised **\$2,572** for the Alzheimer's Association. This money will get channeled back into our community to help so many!

We really are achieving wonderful things through Unity, Teamwork, & Compassion.

Many Thanks.....

Pam Johnson & Jane Tucker



Kimberly Kierce and friend Robert walked in the park



Barbara Berthold walked at UTA



Jane Tucker and furry friend Gracie walked in their Dallas neighborhood



Pam and Mike Johnson and their furry friends walked in their Richardson neighborhood

KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Toys for Network

By Linda Caron and Sue McElveen, Co-Chairs

The Kindness Committee has been sending boxes of desired items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, Slim Jim Jerky, deodorant, soap and lotion sets, peanut packets, sunflower seeds, baby wipes, razors, etc., to our military in the Middle East and Japan each month with funds from a \$1,900 donation that we received earlier in the year. Each box also contains a few personal notes or cards provided by members of Altrusa.



Robbin Murley with the boxes sent in August

In June, Robbin Murley mailed out five boxes to Kuwait with products that had been purchased at the end of last year. These items were purchased during the start of the pandemic here in the states. Because we were not able to meet at the end of the year, the committee decided to finish the project beginning with Altrusa's new year. The committee's plan was to mail out six boxes per month to various sites in order to observe the COVID-19 provisions. Sue and Linda, co-chairs of the committee, sent out six boxes in August to Kuwait.

In early September, Sue had Janie Jaquier and Cindy McIntyre at her home to fill the next six boxes, which were mailed to Kuwait. In early October, Linda, Sarah Saunders, and Ann Turner met at Linda's house to pack six boxes that were sent to a base in Japan where Marines and Sailors are in "Restriction of Movement" due to COVID-19. Nancy Rohm and Pam Johnson sent out another six boxes to the base in Japan. In November, Jane Tucker, and Robbin Murley sent out six boxes to Kuwait to Chaplain Spivey. Chaplain Spivey was the instigator of the donation we received to fund this project.

The final mailing of eight boxes will be made by Sue McElveen and Norma Hammerlund in early December to Chaplain Spivey's unit. We would like to thank each of you that sent or are sending notes of encouragement to our soldiers along with our boxes. Linda, Sue, and Janie Jaquier procured toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste tubes and dental floss from their dentist's offices. Also, Jane Tucker donated several items to be included in the mailings.

In early 2021, we will purchase, package, and donate feminine hygiene items to New Friends New Life (NFNL) which is a faith-based 501 (c) (3) organization located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area dedicated to restoring and empowering formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and their children.

In August, our committee was able to fulfill all of our International obligations to TeachHaiti and HELPs International for educational scholarships; Mike's Kids, through Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries who help the most indigent in the Rio Grande Valley; and an orphanage in Ghana to help them with sanitation needs due to COVID-19. We also donated \$200 to buy coats and toys for NETWORK to help the Outreach Committee with their efforts.



Kindness Committee joined together with the Community Outreach Committee and other members donations to purchase coats and toys for NETWORK families in need.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Socially Distanced September Picnic

By Christine Hart

On September 18, the Membership Committee hosted a “socially distant” picnic which was well attended and quite a success. We met at Huffhines Park and the weather was truly perfect for us. It was so wonderful to be with people, even if we had to stay “apart” outside. It was a good alternative to our usual inside restaurant Lunch Bunch.

Pictured (L-R): Kimberly Kierce, Gloria Sandoval, Mary Beth McLemore, Sylvia McCloskey, Gayle Ingle, Cindy Murry, Deb Bourland, Christine Hart, Gerry Carron, Laura Trainor. Also attending but not pictured: Carol Ruskowski



On October 18th, the Membership Committee partnered with the Ability House Committee to put on a Halloween themed puppet show. They residents loved it. Susan Fischer brought a guest, Tina Shedd, who has a son with Cerebral Palsy, and she was interested in learning about Ability House.

In true Altrusa fashion, most of us met (appropriately social distanced, of course) for lunch at Christine Hart's house before going to Ability House.



Pictured (L-R) around the table: Susan Fischer's guest Tina Shedd, Christine Hart, Jane Merz, Cindy McIntyre, Carol Ruskowski, Gerry Carron, Alma Benoit, Mary Beth McLemore, Gayle Ingle, Deb Bourland and Susan Fischer.



Pictured starting in front around the circle: Julianne Lovelace, Janie Jaquier, Jane Merz, Mary Boyter, Courtenay Tanner, Marsha Peters, Christine Hart and Mary Beth McLemore.

On November 17th, we held our monthly socially distanced “Picnic in the Park” and the weather was wonderful. We missed you!

The Dinner Divas will meet on Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 pm at what was our normal first Thursday dinner place, Besa's at Jupiter/ Lookout. If your comfort level says yes and you need an Altrusa boost of fun sign up on the website for this dinner. Altrusans will bond and laugh after Thanksgiving at Besa's. We will also be helping a local business and our friend AI.

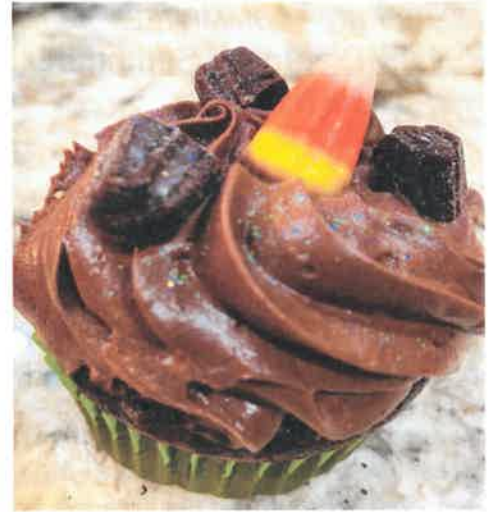
The Membership Committee is offering a variety of activities, outdoor, indoor, stay home, and different times of the day for you to pick your comfort level and or availability. We want members to have activities that keep us in touch with each other and the fun of Altrusa.

SENIOR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Altrusa Makes Fair Day at Friends Place Sweeter

By Jane Tucker

This year the Friends Place Annual Fair Day for its clients was October 7th, 2020 at Friend's Place. There were all types of mid-way activities to remind the clients of the fun things they traditionally do at the Fair. The Seniors Committee helped with Fair Day by providing cupcakes for the Cake Walk Rather than having store bought cupcakes, Rosemary Gouger made gourmet cupcakes that were almost too gorgeous to eat. The clients loved them and were so appreciative of having such a wonderful treat! Thank you Rosemary and Seniors Committee for helping make Fair Day a success!



UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

2020 U.N. Days and Observances

Excerpted from www.un.org



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery December 2, 2020: According to the [ILO](#) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power.

Human Rights Day, December 10, 2020: This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

International Day of Education, January 24, 2021: The right to education is enshrined in article 26 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). The declaration calls for free and compulsory elementary education. The [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), adopted in 1989, goes further to stipulate that countries shall make higher education accessible to all.

When it adopted the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) in September 2015, the international community recognized that education is essential for the success of all 17 of its goals. [Sustainable Development Goal 4](#), in particular, aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” by 2030.

World Day of Social Justice, February 20, 2021: Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality, or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

For the United Nations, the pursuit of social justice for all is at the core of our global mission to promote development and human dignity. The adoption by the [International Labour Organization](#) of the [Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization](#) is just one recent example of the UN System's commitment to social justice. The Declaration focuses on guaranteeing fair outcomes for all, through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

*It is with great sadness that we
note the passing in October
of Altrouser Jerry Wallace
husband of Gale Wallace*

Cards can be sent to:

Gale Wallace

8415 Anglin Way

Dallas, TX 75243

Join us for

*T o g e t h e r
Tuesdays*

These events are a purely social and a great way to "separately be together" and still share Altrusa sisterhood while sheltering in place. Held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm on Zoom, you should register on our website via the event calendar to confirm the Zoom link.

Upcoming dates:

December 8, January 12, February 9,
March 9, April 13, May 11

Altrusa at the United Nations

Since 1946, Altrusa International has held observer status at the United Nations (UN). At that time, Altrusa was the first international classified service club for then executive and professional women to have an official observer appointed to the United Nations, Frances K. Marquis, president of the New York City (NYC) Altrusa Club. Frances was a close friend to another active NYC Altrusan, Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor Roosevelt delivered an address at the 1945 San Francisco UN Conference on International Organization and later then President Harry S. Truman appointed Mrs. Roosevelt to Chair the famous UN Human Rights Committee.

In 1978, our UN membership was assigned to the level of a NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in roster status within the ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Council). In this capacity, we join together with other NGOs, empowered to attend open General Assembly sessions and UN briefings/conferences related solely to global and social concerns, and receive UN Ground Passes.

In each biennium, the International Board appoint 5 representatives to attend and monitor UN meetings and briefings, as allowed. Altrusa's representatives may participate (either in person or via teleconference/

Facebook) in weekly briefings/"chats" conducted by the UN Department of Global Communication (DGC), Civil Society

(NGOs). In addition, they may serve on DGC Annual Conference committees and other projects, formed to further the improvement of the human condition worldwide.

Kathleen Schrein

Representative for Altrusa International to United Nations Department of Global Communications

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President's Message



I hope that everyone has thawed out after our unusual freezing weather. Several days without power definitely made some of us wish for warmer Spring days.

Our 55th Birthday celebration, though postponed due to the weather, was literally a virtual success. Thanks to our Program Committee, under the leadership of Jane Tucker, brought the theme "Nothing Bundt Success this Year" to fruition with coupons for tasty cupcakes from

Nothing But Bundt Cakes. It is truly amazing what we can do virtually to make things fun and exciting. District Nine Governor, Mary Pearson, our distinguished District guest, filled us in on news from District Nine. It was indeed a pleasure to have her at our meeting. Unfortunately, with Covid 19 still a threat, the District Nine board decided to cancel this spring's conference in Georgetown, opting instead to hold the conference virtually once again. (*More info to come shortly.*) Mary also confirmed that the Altrusa International convention will still be held in person in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 28 –31, 2021, but will be offered virtually as well. We will be hearing more in the next few weeks. Also, because this has been a most unusual year, there will be some changes to our reporting dates. Once I receive Mary's e-mail with that information, I will inform everyone of the changes.

In addition to the birthday festivities, the Nomination Committee presented the Administration and Foundation slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year. Since voting will take place at the March meeting, I urge everyone to attend and cast your vote. If you are unable to attend virtually, you can cast your vote, **no later than 5:00 pm on March 18**, by email to Barbara Berthold (barbberthold74@gmail.com). I applaud the nomination committee under the leadership of Barbara Berthold for their hard work.

Speaking of hard work, Laura Trainor Collins and Kimberly Kierce have put together the Shamrockin' photo contest and fundraiser on Facebook. Check your e-mails for instructions on how to participate and "get your green on." Also, I want to give a big thank you to the hard working Kind-

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"Achieving wonderful things through Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

ness Committee, who gathered supplies and created beautiful handmade Valentine cards for our senior citizens who reside in area retirement homes. Kimberly Kierce graciously collected and took the cards to The Cottonwood Festival Committee who delivered them. In addition, the Kindness Committee delivered over 100+ Beanie Babies to agencies we serve including the residents of Ability House.

On another note, remember to log-in your volunteer hours since your time is a valuable service to our community. This is especially important because the reporting time to District Nine will likely be the end of March!!!

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. We have had so many challenges, and we have done an amazing job.

President 2020-2021

Nominating Committee

Proposed Slate for 2021-2022 Club Year

Altrusa International of Richardson

Elections will be held at the March 18th meeting via Zoom. Absentee ballots will be accepted until 5:00 pm, March 18th, via email to: Barbara Berthold at barbberthold74@gmail.com.

Altrusa International of Richardson, TX

Club Board of Directors

President Samantha Slaight

President- Elect Ginger Tonne

Vice President Christine Hart

Recording Secretary Gayle Engle

Corresponding Secretary Ann Turner

Administrative Treasurer Lynda Calkin

Directors

New: Carol Ruskowski, Sylvia McCloskey

Completing two year term: Susan Fischer, Mary Shiroma

Past President Nancy Rohm

Upcoming Events March—May

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>.

- March 1—March 12 Shamrockin' Photo Contest
- Mar 6 1:30 pm Ability House Kathleen's B-day
- Mar 8 UN Day: International Woman's Day
- Mar 9 6:30 pm T
- Mar 18 6:30 Social Time prior to
7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Mar 20 1:30 pm Ability House Henry's B-day
- Mar 22 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Mar 25 6:30 pm Club Board meeting on Zoom
- Apr 7 UN Day: World Health Day
- Apr 15 6:30 Social Time prior to
7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Apr 16 District Nine Conference via zoom
- Apr 22 6:30 pm Club Board meeting on Zoom
- Apr 26 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- May 1 1:30 pm Ability House Nina's B-day
- May 15 UN Day: International Day of Families
- May 20 6:30 Social Time prior to
7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- May 24 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- May 27 6:30 pm Joint New/Outgoing Board mtg

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- Marsha Peters Rosemary Gouger
- Brenda Boston Janie Jaquier
- Sarah Nesbit Donna Buhr
- Jean Stuart

Presented by the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee

- Mary Beth McLemore
- Telva Gale Wallace
- Barbara Berthold

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, INC.

Shamrockin' Photo Contest

To raise money for our annual scholarship fund for deserving high school students, we are hosting a photo contest. Take a St. Patrick's Day-themed photo and submit it for prizes. We have two St. Patrick's Day wearing of the green categories, PETS or PEOPLE.

ALTRUSA SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

- 1. TWO PRIZES:** A \$50 amazon gift card will be awarded for the photo that receives the most votes in the PETS and in the PEOPLE category. Winners will be contacted by email March 18, 2021.
- 2. ENTRY:** Fill out the Official Entry Form by registering for this event at altrusarichardson.com and click on the SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST icon on the home page. You will pay a \$10 entry fee per photo entry; be sure to add a fun caption to your photo. Please, no photoshopped images.
- 3.** Enter as many photos as you wish. You will need to fill out a separate Official Entry Form for each photo you enter.
- 4.** Once registered and paid, you will receive an email with the link to submit your St. Patrick's Day themed digital image (JPEG formats only).
- 5. Registration and photo entries must be submitted between 8am Monday, March 1, 2021 and 11pm Friday, March 12, 2021.**
- 6. VOTING:** Photo voting opens on 8am, Monday, March 15th and closes at 5pm Wednesday, March 17, 2021. To vote for your favorite photo, go to altrusarichardson.com and click on the SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST icon on the home page or you can access it under the Donations tab on the home page. You may vote as many times as you wish for as many photos as you wish. Select your photo choice(s) and add them to your shopping cart for \$5 per photo/vote.

(Example, if you want to vote for a photo three times, enter it in your cart, tap the quantity for 3 and pay \$15 at check out.)
- 7.** By entering this contest, you agree that you have read the rules and are giving Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. permission to use your PETS Photo or PEOPLE Photo for publication or use in electronic media for promotional materials and publicity efforts.
- 8.** Void where prohibited.

Please forward this info to friends and family that you think may be inter-

Recommendation for Amended Membership Guidelines and Responsibilities

In light of the new club structure and schedule adopted in 2020, a recommendation has been brought to the Board to simplify the wording of the Club Membership Guidelines and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors has approved this change. The recommendation will be brought to the membership at the March 18th, 2021 meeting.

Proposed new structure:

Membership Guidelines and Responsibilities

1. Work on one service project and are strongly encouraged to work on more than one.
2. Take part in fund-raising activities by donating time to a Ways & Means subcommittee or money to the Foundation.
3. Attend Business /Program meetings to offer input and vote on club business.
4. Pay dues promptly.
5. Report at least five hours of volunteer time on our projects.

Original Structure with tracked changes:

Membership Guidelines and Responsibilities

1. ~~Members are required to work~~Work on one service project and are strongly encouraged to work on more than one.
2. ~~Members are required to take~~Take part in fund raising activities by donating time to a Ways & Means subcommittee or money to the Foundation.
3. ~~Members are expected to attend~~Attend Business / Program Mmeetings to offer input and vote on club business.
4. ~~Members are expected to attend program meetings, and if unable to attend, to cancel their dinner reservation.~~
5. ~~Members are expected to pay for their dinner reservation if they do not attend and fail to cancel.~~
- 6.4. ~~Members are expected to pay their~~Pay dues promptly.
- 7.5. ~~Members are encouraged to report~~Report at least five hours of volunteer time on our projects.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2021 Outstanding Women of Today — The Show Will Go On, Somehow

By Sylvia McCloskey

Ginger Tonne and I are looking forward to Co-Chairing our time-honored Altrusa Richardson tradition of honoring outstanding women of North Texas. Additionally, we have asked Carol Ruszkowski to help with the logistics of this year's event. The first planning meeting took place two weeks ago and concluded with a long list of questions such as: What will this year's OWT look like? How do we celebrate and honor our nominees? We will be spending the next couple of weeks working out the details.

We will share the details of the OWT 2021 event at the March business meeting. We have all been impacted in some way by the pandemic. For this reason, we would like to celebrate those who have made a difference during the pandemic. Therefore, our theme for this year will be "unsung heroes" and the two categories will be healthcare workers and first responders. Start thinking now of women Altrusa Richardson should honor this year.

We look forward to working with all our Altrusa Sisters to make this year's event a huge success.



**ALTRUSA WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIETY
UPDATE**

Updated Book Club Selection List

By Pam Johnson

Right is the updated list for the 2021 AWCLS Book Selections, which has recently been posted to our club web site. **Please note IMPORTANT change for March selection.** We will be reading *The Mermaid Chair* in March and on Monday, March 22nd Mary Osentowski will lead the discussion at our monthly ZOOM AWCLS meeting. The book *We Are All the Same in the Dark* by Julie Heaberlin has been postponed until September since it has only recently released. Hopefully, this will allow more time for the public libraries to have available copies and/or a softcover might be available and members could possibly purchase either the digital and print versions on sale or at a lesser cost. By then, many of us who have purchased a printed copy would be willing to share. Even better, there's still a chance that Julie Heaberlin might be able to join us by then for either a ZOOM meeting or in-person nearer that time.



Also, hope you will find this to be a bit of good news. As we slowly become able to cautiously return to normal activities, it was decided that beginning **May 24th** our book club will once again meet in person. Christine Hart has generously offered to host an outdoor event in her lovely backyard. More details to come as the date draws near.

Date	Title of Book	Author	Leader
Jan 25	<i>Where the Forest Meets the Stars</i>	Glendy Vander	Pam Johnson
Feb 22	<i>The Summer Cottage</i>	Viola Shipman	Samanthia Slaight
March 22	<i>The Mermaid Chair</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Mary Osentowski
April 26	<i>The Downstairs Girl</i>	Stacy Lee	Robin Smith
May 24	<i>The Book of Two Ways</i>	Jodi Picoult	Janice Campbell
June 28	<i>Big Lies in a Small Town</i>	Diane Chamberlain	Samanthia Slaight
July 26	<i>The Book of Longings</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Cheryl Toliver
Aug 23	<i>This Tender Land</i>	William Kent Krueger	Janet Vance
Sept 27	<i>We Are All the Same in the Dark</i>	Julia Heaberlin	Mary Beth McLemore
Oct 25	<i>The Home for Unwanted Girls</i>	Joanna Goodman	Need leader
Nov 22	<i>The Book of Lost Names</i>	Kristin Harmel	Need leader
*Dec 6	Annual Party and 2022 Book Selection	Details to be decided	_____

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Donations of Knitted Caps and Beanie Babies to Network and Ability House

By Carol Ruszkowski, Co-chair

February was a good time to keep your ears covered. Who would have thought we would be experiencing 10 days of freezing winter weather? But Altrusa jumped in to help with that situation and donated approximately 65 knitted hats to Network and 15 hats to Ability House residents and staff. Ears were covered and heads were kept warm.

In addition to the hats, we donated to Network, approximately 200 Beanie Babies and 15 Beanie Babies to Ability House residents and staff. We put a smile on the faces of a lot of people.

Many thanks to Susan Fischer who brought these goodies to Community Outreach from an outside donor.



ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

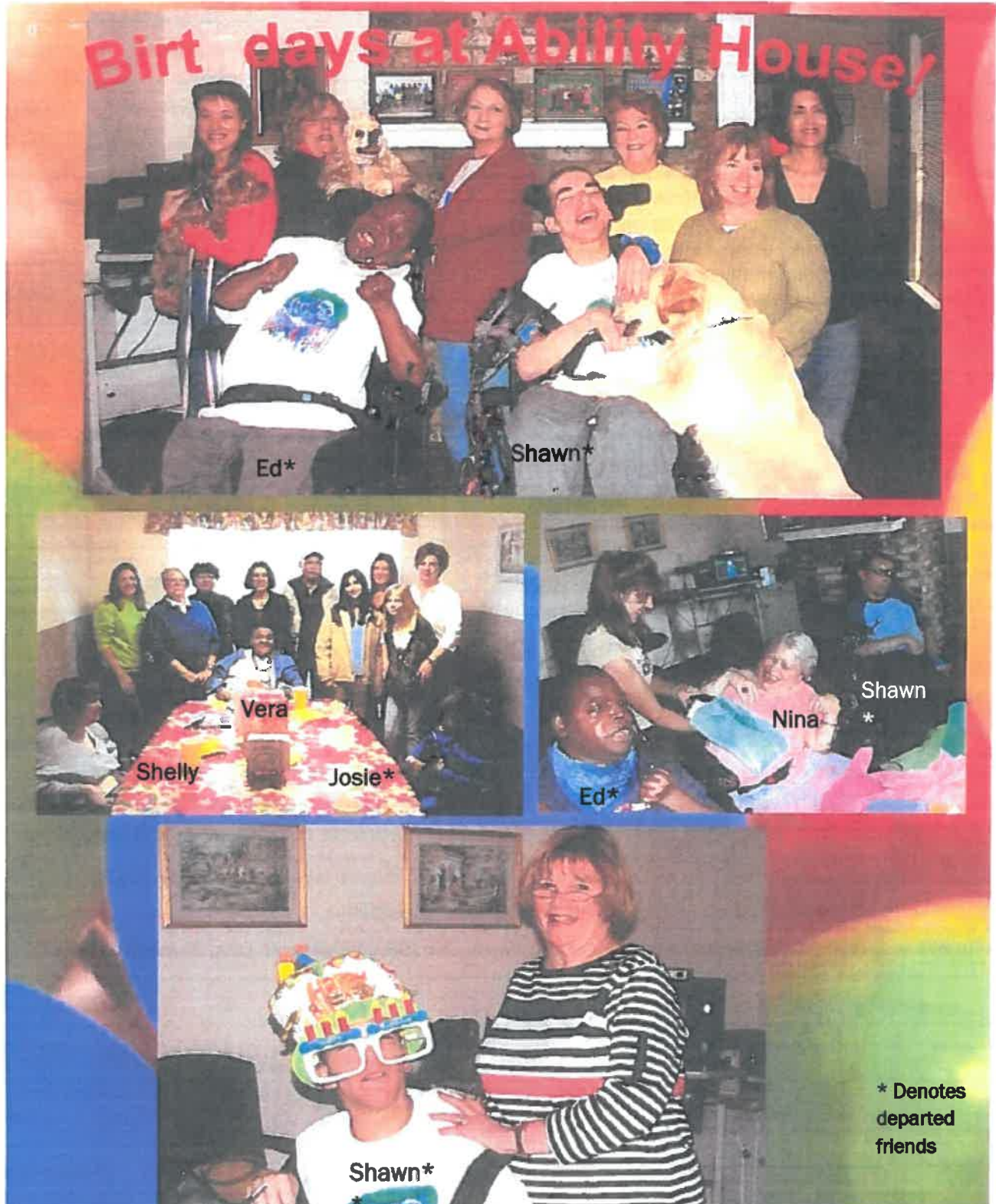
Ability House Memories of Absent Friends

Altrusa Richardson has been working with our friends at Ability House since 1998. Sadly we have lost some of our very special friends along the way. Let's celebrate the lives of our absent friends and the joy we brought to our friends and the joy that we received in return.

Many thanks to Landon Cole for sending these lovely reminders.

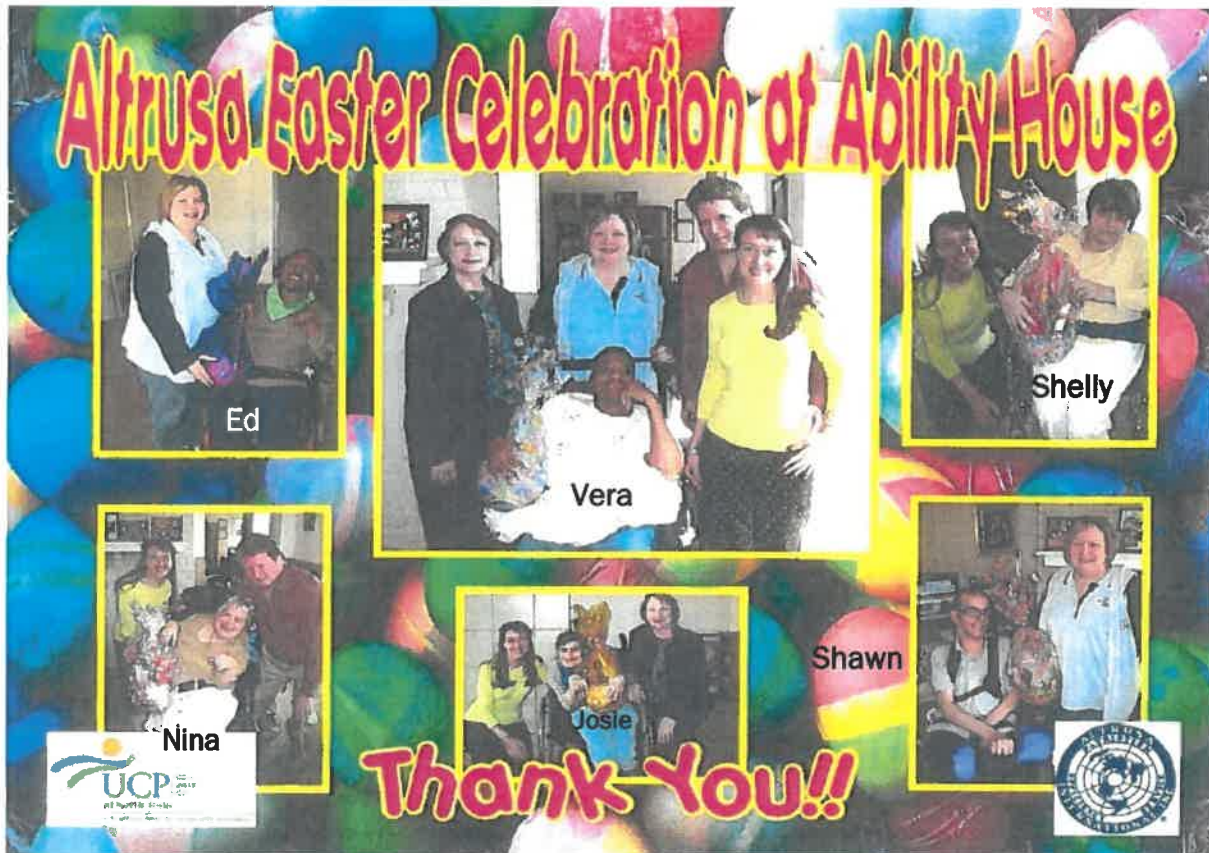


The new Ability Connection logo



More Memories of Absent Friends

* Denotes departed friends



KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Valentine Cards for Seniors

From Kimberly Kierce

FYI... Community support was overwhelming for this project. No surprise they far exceeded the count needed for the targeted senior population so the City will be donating the remainder of the cards to all hospital staff, personnel and patients at the hospital – especially those in the COVID units. They will hold some cards back to deliver another time to keep spirits up.

The goal was 800 cards to provide enough for senior facilities – they received over 3,000 cards! Now we are enriching the lives of those in the hospital. Richardson generosity is amazing.

Thank you Sue McElveen and Gayle Wallace for embracing this project and helping make this happen in a big way!

From: Dianna Lawrence <Dianna.Lawrence@cor.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:36 PM

To: Kimberly Kierce <Kimberly.Kierce@cor.gov>



Dianna Lawrence and Kimberly Kierce



DISTRICT NINE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

April 16th, 2021 Via Zoom

No Fee to Attend

More information coming soon!

In Memoriam

Tracy Carron

Tracy Carron, an Altrusan since 2018, was the daughter of long time Altrusan Gerry Carron. Tracy loved attending Altrusa meetings and outings and attended when she could. Unfortunately, she lost her fight with breast cancer in February. Gerry was with her when she passed.

Cards and remembrances may be sent to:

Gerry Carron 2000 Clearfield Circle, Richardson, TX 75081

Maryann Wegloski

Mary Ann Wegloski passed away in March, 2021. She was originally planning her initiation in 2018 but delayed her initiation due to cancer. Ironically, her initiation to our club was the last in-person meeting, March, 2020, due to the Covid outbreak, so many of us did not have the pleasure of knowing her well.

Carl McLemore

Carl McLemore, husband of Mary Beth McLemore, passed away on March 7, 2021. Carl had been in ill health for several years and had been diagnosed with lung cancer earlier this year. Mary Beth has been a member of our club for more than thirty years and served as President twice.

Cards and remembrances may be sent to:

Mary Beth McLemore 3606 Gypress Grove Court, Richardson, TX 75082

James Price

James (Jim) F. Price passed away February 16, 2021. Jim was married to Diane Sullivan Price, who was President of Richardson Altrusa from 1979-1980. Jim was preceded in death by Diane. Jim and Diane were both active in our community for many years. One of Jim's sons, David, is married to Mary. Mary Price was a member of our club for several years.

Donations may be made to:

Network of Community Ministries

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL UPDATE
Call to International Convention

Excerpted from President's Message by Beverly Hardy, International President

See *Call to Conference Packet* on *Altrusa International Website*: www.altrusa.org

A preview of information you need to know for planning to come to Convention in beautiful Charlotte, NC, "The Queen City". Yes, previously our Convention was planned to take place in Quebec City, Canada. However, due to the global pandemic of COVID 19 that was not possible. I am convinced that our new location is as wonderful as the one in Canada and it will not disappoint!

I would feel remiss if I didn't address this past year and all the trials we have successfully navigated as an organization. The year 2020 was indeed a year that imposed many challenges on our individual members, clubs, districts and yes on the International level also. With so much pressure on our members, it can be hard to come up with just the right words to express new year wishes for friends, family, and my cherished Altrusa membership. This is especially true if this past year's challenges still linger for our organization. I'm so proud of all Altrusans accomplishments this past year in spite of all the restrictions we have been under.



The future is our story to write ... so let us make 2021 the best one yet. This year is a chance to welcome a fresh start to reinvigorate our enthusiasm and accomplish new goals for Altrusa Leading to a Better Community.

We can start with making new memories and accomplishing our goals by embracing our individual District Conferences this next Spring. As an organization we must make every effort to participate in our 2021 Convention in the last week of July. Altrusans we need this after all we have been through this past year! The COVID vaccine is out and everyone who chooses to take it will be covered by July. I feel very encouraged that this will help many, if not all, feel comfortable attending in person. The Convention will begin Wednesday July 28, and end on Saturday July 31st with the installation of our new International Board. The registration fee of \$350 will remain the same as in previous conventions.



You will see a lot more advanced promotion of the Convention as requested, starting with this call to Convention and then after the International Altrusan in May 2021 there will be special Pre-Convention Newsletters for registrants and First Timers information packs. We will have lots more information also readily available on the International website.

Yours in Altrusa service,

Beverly Hardy
International President

Hotel Information

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-ALTRUS-20210725/index.jhtml>



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Altrusa International Convention

Welcome to the Altrusa International Convention reservation site!

A block of rooms has been reserved for July 25, 2021 - August 2, 2021.

Booking a reservation from our site is simple. To begin the process, click on "Book a Room" below to receive your group's preferred rate.

See you at the Hilton Charlotte University Place in July! We hope you enjoy your stay and your group's event!

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Check-in Date:

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Book **early** to reserve your room!

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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Website Samples

www.altrusarichardson.com

1. Home page samples
2. Sample service committee webpage – Community Outreach
3. Sample service committee webpage – Kindness Committee
4. Club Calendar samples
5. Fundraiser webpage - Shamrockin' Photo Contest

To view member-only information, please log in:

Username: altrusarichardson@gmail.com

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<https://altrusarichardson.com/>

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9.17.20



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Complete the information using the link below and an Altrusan will contact you:

[Membership Interest Form](#)



[Upcoming Events](#)

OUTREACH: Interfaith Alliance
"Creating for the Needy"

Tue, September 15, 2020 5:00 PM | The Dialogue Institute (1416 E Collins Blvd., Richardson, TX).

North Texas Giving Day 2020

Thu, September 17, 2020 | -

Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting

Thu, September 17, 2020 6:30 PM | Via Zoom



[Community Projects](#)



[Community Grants Applications are now being accepted!](#)

[2020-2021 Grant Application.pdf](#)

[2020-2021 ONLINE Submissions](#)

Submission Deadlines: **September 10, 2020**



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RICHARDSON ALTRUSA KINDNESS NINJAS GATHER TO WORK FOR KINDNESS WEEKEND



Every April, Altrusa International of Richardson's Kindness Ninja Warriors celebrate Kindness Weekend, a community initiative begun by the club in April 2016. Members of the Altrusa Kindness Committee gathered Saturday, May 1, 2021 for action in celebration of this year's project



Outstanding Women of Today:
2021 Unsung Heroes Reception

October 22, 2021

[Click here for more information](#)

Richardson Strong!

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Give the gift of Kindness...
Be Kind and Donate TODAY to help us
"Lead to a Better Community"!

Goal: \$10,000.00
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RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club)
Mon, June 28, 2021 6:00 PM | Home of Christine Hart

Kindness Committee Organization Meeting
Tue, June 29, 2021 7:00 PM | via Zoom

June Volunteer Hours Reminder
Thu, July 01, 2021 | n/a

[Community Projects](#)

Community Grants are awarded each Fall. Applications will be published in late summer.

Our grants are promoting better partnerships to positively impact young and old, disadvantaged and disabled.

Donate today to make your impact go farther!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Days for Girls



Around the world, girls and women resort to using rags, mattress stuffing, banana leaves, or feathers to manage their menstruation. **Days for Girls** provides a safe, beautiful, washable, and long-lasting alternative along with vital health education. Today, Days for Girls has reached more than one million women and girls in more than 125 countries with DFG Kits and menstrual health education. This translates into over 115 million days of dignity, health, and opportunity! Altrusa International, Inc. is proud to be a partner in this movement. Altrusa International is glad top partner with DFG and support this important cause to encourage women world-wide to get an education and stay in school without menstrual interruption. [Altrusa International](#) is on a mission to empower ALL women and girls.



Richardson Animal Shelter

The ASAPP (Altrusa Sisters Adoption Pet Palace) project at the Richardson Animal Shelter is a huge success. The mural painting promotes Altrusa and the furniture and toys are a great environment for the kitties. The City's [24/7 Live Animal Cam](#) is set up, and the cats adoptions are on the rise. Citizens ability to search for adoptable animals on the web and Altrusa's supporting our local animal shelter has become a reality.

Bill Alsup, Director of Health, City of Richardson, (pictured below at far right) said: "Thank you for your gift and your patience. This will be a nice generator of public interest for our facility."

Richardson Altrusans were joined by a few City Council Members and the Richardson Director of Health, Bill Alsup, to unveil the new cat adoption room made possible by donations from the Altrusa Richardson Foundation.



Network



We collect and contribute donations for NETWORK of Community Ministries in Richardson. Based on their needs, donations may include such items as children's books, toiletries, food, toys, and school supplies.

Make A Difference Day

This is a national event celebrated on the 4th Saturday in October. Altrusa International encourages all clubs to participate by conducting a one-day literacy project that has a significant impact in the community.



Richardson Reads One Book (RROB)

One Book/One Community is a nationwide reading program created to develop a community built around the shared experience of people reading and talking about the same book, usually a work selected for its general interest and timely, thought-provoking issues. September is Literacy month and most RROB activities are conducted during that time. Volunteer ushers are needed the night of the author lecture.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



November 25 is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The newest project for the Community Outreach Committee is to provide handmade personal items for women who have experience domestic violence.

WEAR ORANGE!



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KINDNESS COMMITTEE



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Got Kindness?!?

Our kindness was showing today at Altrusa Richardson's Kindness Action Ninja Day! Altrusans from many clubs (Altrusa Richardson, Altrusa Garland and Altrusa Collin County) came together to (1) donate 200 care packages for military overseas, (2) create 200 kits for Days for Girls, and (3) donate numerous linens (towels, wash clothes, sheets, etc) to Hopes Door New Beginnings. Busy Kindness Ninjas #daysforgirls#altrusarichardson #kindnessninjas



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EVENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

MONTH: FEBRUARY 2021 📅

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WEEK	MONTH	YEAR	< PREVIOUS MONTH	TODAY	NEXT MONTH >	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6
			2:00 PM Kindness Committe...	2:00 PM Community Outreach 7:00 PM Finance Committe ...		January Volunteer...
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		6:30 PM Sister Social, "Toge...				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			7:00 PM NATIONAL BANDO ...			8:00 AM UN DAY, Day of Soc...
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6:00 PM RETENTION AWCL...			6:30 PM Altrusa Richardson...		1:30 PM Vera's Birthday at...
				6:30 PM Altrusa Board of Di...		
28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
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	6:30 PM Foundation Board ...					



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Altrusa Richardson's SHAMROCKIN' Photo Contest was a huge success. THANK YOU to all who participated and



EVENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

MONTH: MAY 2021 

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WEEK	MONTH	YEAR	< PREVIOUS MONTH	TODAY	NEXT MONTH >	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
	6:00 PM RETENTION: AWOL...				5:30 PM 2021 District Nine...	Amf. Volunteer Ho...
						9:00 AM B.A.H. Weekend
						1:30 PM Nina's Birthday at...
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		6:00 PM Let's Give Them Sp...				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	6:30 PM Foundation Board ...	6:30 PM Sister Social, Tose...		2:00 PM Celebration of 50...		8:00 AM MONDAY Internatio...
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Shamrockin' Photo Contest

It is time to VOTE! Voting opens on 8:00 am, Monday, March 15th. Voting closes Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

How do I VOTE? Select your favorite photo(s) below, increase the quantity to increase your vote and add it to your shopping cart. You may vote as many times as you wish for as many photos as you wish. Select your photo choice(s) and add them to your shopping cart for **\$5 per photo/vote**.

All proceeds benefit the **Scholarships** of Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit organization)

Who is the Winner? Results will be announced Thursday, March 18, 2021. The **Pet** photo with the most votes and the **People** photo with the most votes will each be declared the winner in each category and awarded a \$50 gift card. Winning photographers will be notified by email on March 18, 2021 and the winning photos will be posted on the Altrusa Richardson website homepage as well as the Altrusa Richardson Facebook page.

Good Luck and Happy Voting! Share this page with Family and friends...



[People: Here, let me fix your hat - by Jane Dempsey](#)
\$5.00



[Pets: Did you see that Leprechaun? - by Kimberly Kierce](#)
\$5.00



[Pets: You Just Know When You're Queen of the Castle - by Carol Ruskowski](#)
\$5.00



[PETS: Miss Buffy - Heaven is a good nap. - by Carol Ruskowski](#)
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[Pets: I'm so confused. Is it green beer or Margaritas? - by Laura Trainor-Collins](#)
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[Pets: "I said a Pot of Bones NOT a Pot of Gold!" - by Deb Bourland](#)
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[Pets: Baby Choco - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[Pets: Paco wants to play - by Susan Long](#)
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[Pets: Here's Handsome Fred - by Martha Montgomery](#)
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[Pets: Scooter celebrates St. Patrick's Day - by Pia Lara](#)
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[Pets: I-Rish You Thanks for Funding!!! - by Gale Wallace](#)
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[Pets: Howl if You're Irish - by Cindy McIntyre](#)
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[Pets: Vote for me and my Lucky Frog - by Mary Boyter](#)
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[Pets: This is a bunch of Blamey! - by Pam Johnson](#)
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[Pets: Bear \(aka Trouble\) - by Thanh Tran](#)
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[Pets: Blue in Green - by Mary Osenkowski](#)
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[Pets: Rowdy is a leprechaun in a dog suit! - by Mimi Tanner](#)
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[Pets: Watching over our Irish Friendly Frog - by Lynda Calkin](#)
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[Pets: Blarney Stone, What Blarney Stone? - by Rosemary Gouger](#)
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[Pets: Shamrocks and Shenanigans - by Vickie West](#)
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[Pets: I am French forced to be an Irish Leprechaun! - by Courtenay Tanner](#)
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[Pets: Irish Whiskey Makes Me Friskey - by Vicki West](#)
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[Pets: Howard, I thought you said there would be green beer if we dressed up and stood still - by Nancy Rohm](#)
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[Pets: Lick me I'm Irish - by Cindy McIntyre](#)
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[Pets: Chubby O'Bohnsack wishes you a pot of gold and all the love your heart can hold - by Sebrina Bohnsack](#)
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[People: Sue's Leprechaun with his Irish Pole - by Sue McElyeen](#)
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[People: Green Queen - by Arlene Beasley](#)
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[People: Connor in the Rain - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[People: Avery in the mists of Ireland - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[People: One Happy Little Cousin - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[People: Get that splinter Papa Ben - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[People: Good Dad = Happy Kids - by Jean Stuart](#)
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[People: Irish Lass in the Grass - by Cindy McIntyre](#)
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[People: the Luck of the Irish! - by Barbara Cornelius](#)
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[People: Isaac and me with our Grands - by Gloria Sandoval](#)
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[People: Sisterly Fun in Dublin, Ireland - by Kimberly Kierce](#)
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[People: Story Jo Rockin' - by Cindy McIntyre](#)
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Altrusa Richardson Grants



Altrusa Richardson awards grants each year to 501(c)3 organizations to fund special projects in the community (general operating expenses are ineligible)

Grant awards typically range from \$250 to \$1,500

Grant applications for 2020-2021 are now open!

2020-2021 Grant Application.pdf

2020-2021 Grant Application ONLINE Link

Submission Deadline: Thursday, September 10, 2020

Questions? Contact Courtenay Tanner at courtenaytan@sbcglobal.net or

contact@altrusarichardson.com or mail to:

Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Grant Committee
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ALTRUSA RICHARDSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships for recent high school graduates planning to attend 2-year or 4-year colleges or universities

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, financial need, community volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, and a short essay.

Scholarships must be used for the next school year and will be sent directly to the school.

Eligibility: Applicants must reside in the City of Richardson or attend a Richardson Independent School District school.

Congratulations Altrusa Richardson 2020 Scholarship Winners



Goodness Agabi
Lake Highlands High School



Jeremy McCampbell
Berkner High School



Samantha Tseng McLane
JJ Pearce High School



Xzavier Rufus-Taurai
Chikurunhe
Lake Highlands High School

Sarra Hussein
Richardson High School



Meet our 2021 Scholarship Recipients ([click here to view slideshow](#))

"The Altrusa scholarship has benefited me immensely, not just the financial support that has allowed me to focus on my classes and collegiate experience, but also the emotional support from the ladies of Altrusa Richardson. I am so thankful to attend the University of Texas to study business and I am so excited to see where my education takes me with the help of Altrusa!" — Elizabeth Chandler



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

May 22 ·

We're Baaaaaack.... in person! It's time to get out and enjoy friendship and service again. Join us!

#AltrusaRichardson

<https://altrusarichardson.com/>



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

May 22 ·

What a great evening for Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. of Texas! Not only did we install new officers for our club board and foundation, but we also initiated FOUR new members - and we did it all IN PERSON!



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

May 22 ·

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc., installed officers Thursday night, June 20, 2021. Officers were installed for both the Club Board and the Foundation Board. They will serve through May 2022.



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

May 20 ·

2021 UNSUNG HEROES

Outstanding Women of Today 2021 will be a transition year for Altrusa Richardson. This year we will be hosting a reception honoring women who exemplified determination and leadership during the pandemic. Richardson Altrusans would like to honor "Unsung Heroes" who served in frontline positions making a difference in our community.

Honorees and their organizations will be recognized this year at the 2021 Outstanding Women of Today: Unsung Heroes ... [See More](#)



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is with Pam Kovacs

Johnson and 6 others.

May 6 ·

LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TACO BOUT

Finally a chance to get together!

Festive Altrusans gathered at Desperados (our favorite Mexican Restaurant) for an evening of tacos and friendship. How delightful to be able to get together again - safely - all vaccinated!





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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

May 3 ·

Every April, Altrusa International of Richardson's Kindness Ninja Warriors celebrate Kindness Weekend, a community initiative begun by the club in April 2016.

Members of the Altrusa Kindness Committee gathered Saturday, May 1, 2021 for action in celebration of this year's project, which was twofold:

- Gather pajamas for adults to be delivered to Pajamas for Seniors and to one of the assisted living centers in Richardson. Many, particularly those covered by Medicaid are esp... [See More](#)



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Holly Gramke-Ash Glad to see you Cindy. Patti

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Author

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. Holly Gramke-Ash
Thanks Patti. Hope you are all well.

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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

March 20 · 🌐

Thank you to all who supported #AltrusaRichardson's Shamrockin' Photo Contest, which raised over \$4,700 for the Scholarship Fund.

Congrats to Laura Trainor and Sue McElveen for winning top honors and bragging rights for best photo!



And the Winner Is...



PETS



"I'm so confused - Is it Green Beer or Margaritas?"

By Laura Trainor-Collins

PEOPLE



"Sue's Leprechaun with his Irish Pole"

by Sue McElveen



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

March 16 · 🌐

🍀🍀 Do something fun and different this St Paddy's Day and... Give for Good! 🍀🍀

🍀🍀 Last Call for Votes! 🍀🍀

#AltrusaRichardson 's

SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST benefitting the Scholarship Fund is now open for your VOTE and ends at 5 pm on March 17th. Each vote is a \$5 donation (tax deductible) and you can vote as many times as you want. Please SHARE this post with your friends and family to support Altrusa Richardson... [See More](#)

IT'S TIME TO
VOTE

Shamrockin' Photo Contest 🍀

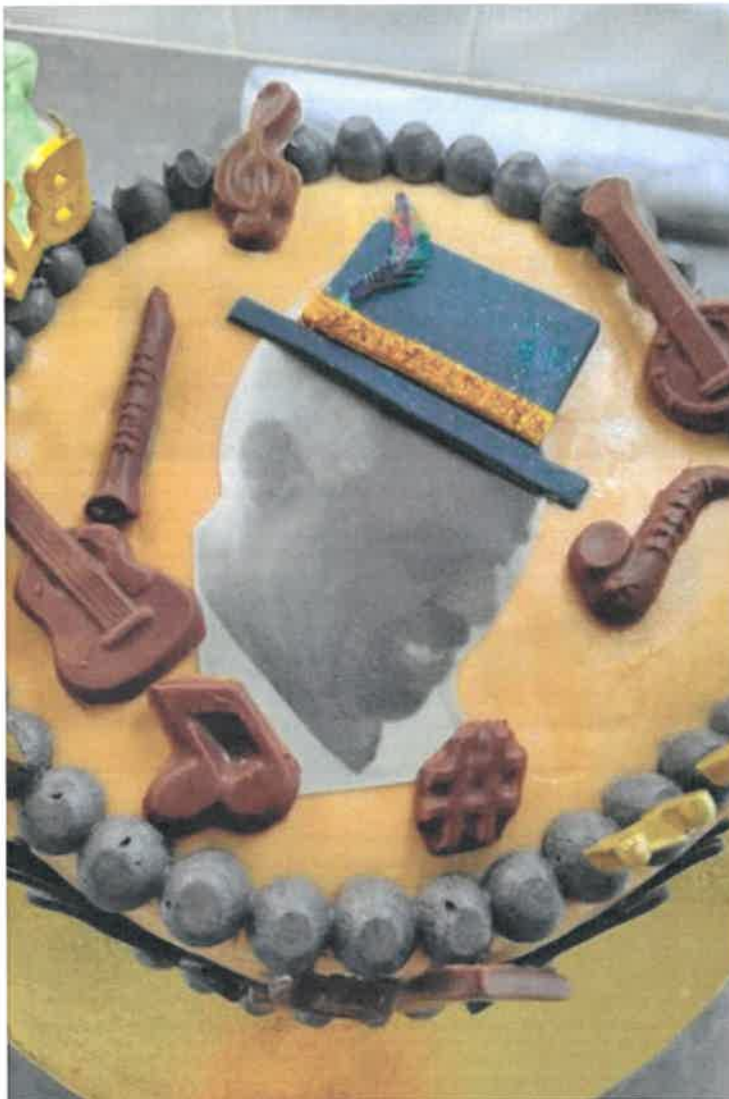


Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

March 20 🌐

It's a great day for a Motown 🎵 🎶 🎷 Musical Birthday Celebration for Henry! #AltrusaRichardson come out to sing happy birthday and share in the festivities. Henry was thrilled by his gifts 🎁 of Motown CDs and a keyboard to make his own 🎵 🎶 🎷 music, thanks to Bobbi Klein. And Rosemary Gouger made another deliciously unique cake 🍰 with Henry's electric smile on top complete with chocolate 🎵 🎶 🎷 🎸 musical notes and instruments.

🎁 🎁 🎁 #AbilityConnection





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

March 6 🌐

Happy birthday, Vera, from your #AltrusaRichardson family! 🎉🎂🎁👑
Vera loves dolls and was thrilled to get lots of goodies and a Tiana Princess doll for her "Princess and The Frog" themed birthday party! Rosemary Gouger did an outstanding job with cake and decorations. Everyone had a great time celebrating. 🎊 #AbilityConnection





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

March 6 🌐

It's a beautiful day for #AltrusaRichardson to celebrate Kathleen's birthday 🎉🎂💜🎈 at Ability House, where the residents are like family to Richardson Altrusans. Big thank you to Rosemary Gouger for the cupcakes and Deb Bourland for the wonderful gifts. Kathleen and her sister, Dorothy, enjoyed the celebration along with her Altrusa Sisters. 🎉





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

December 15, 2020 🌐

Santa's Elves (aka Richardson Altrusans) spread holiday cheer at Ability House with festive outside decor, gorgeous Christmas tree and presents inside. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday season!





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

December 15, 2020

On behalf of Altrusa International of Richardson, Past President Bobbi Klein and Club Secretary Lynn Solomon, presented a BIG CHECK to City of Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker at the City Council work session in Dec 14, 2020. The check for \$218,427.72 represents over 7,000 Volunteer Hours contributed by club members from June 2019 to May 2020. Altrusa Richardson regularly contributes approximately 10,000 volunteer hours, accrued doing service projects for the City and local non-profits as well as international projects. But hours were reduced starting in March 2020 due to the pandemic. This check presentation is usually made during Altrusa Richardson's Annual Outstanding Woman of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon honoring outstanding women in the North Texas area, normally held in the fall. However, due to the pandemic, the luncheon was not held this year. Altrusa International of Richardson has been contributing to the betterment of Richardson since 1966.





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

October 31, 2020 - 🌐

Happy Halloween, Ability House! On Oct 17, #AltrusaRichardson came out to ghoulishly entertain residents with a spooky puppet show featuring 6 ghosts: 🧛 Robert, Sheli, Vera, Kathleen, Henry, and Nina! What spooky fun and great laughter to celebrate this Halloween! 🎃





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

October 31, 2020 🌐



Ability Connection

October 28, 2020

We're so grateful to our committed partners like Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc for sticking with us during these difficult times. Even though it was through the kitchen window, our members really enjoyed your holiday puppet show! 🎭 Being able to see new faces always brightens their day 😊

#thankyou #abilityconnection #altrusarichardson #nonprofit #volunteer #donate #covidrelief



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is at Besa's Italian Restaurant.

October 8, 2020 Garland, TX 📍

It's celebration time!! 🎉🥳🍷

#AltrusaRichardson was recognized at the Altrusa District Nine Awards Dinner for the 2018-2019 club year.

We received the following honors:

- ✓ 3rd place - Communications Award
- ✓ 3rd place - International Relations Award for "Kindness Ninjas Go Global"
- ✓ 2nd place Edith DeBusk President's Award honoring Sarah Ross Nesbit for her vision and leadership.

🥳🎉 Congratulations!! 🥳🎉

Altrusans attended the celebration via zoom at home and in person at Besa's for some much needed (and long overdue) fellowship and friendship.





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

October 3, 2020 🌐

Donate today

<https://act.alz.org/.../Walk2020/TX-DallasandNortheastTexas...>



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is with Kimberly Kierce
October 3, 2020

Altrusans "Walk to End Alzheimer's" and raised \$2,473 (to date) for this important cause! #Walk2EndAlz



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is with Cindy Murray and 8 others at Huffhines Park.

September 18, 2020 Richardson, TX · 🌐

What a gorgeous day for a socially distanced picnic in the park among Altrusa Friends.





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

September 17, 2020 🌐

Please consider a contribution to help Altrusa meet our goals for projects that support our community. Seventy some odd women working together to meet goals of service.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON FOUNDATION

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS	106 ARTICLES OF CLOTHING FOR "MIKE'S KIDS"
\$1K SPONSOR OF RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK	100 ARTICLES OF CLOTHING FOR "MIKE'S KIDS"
HOSTED 12 BINGO PARTY NIGHTS AT ATRIA SENIOR LIVING	4 REVISIONS OF "ONE STAR BOOKS" TO 10 SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES
48 SWEET DREAMS PILLOW KITS FOR HOPE'S DOOR - NEW BEGINNINGS	12 BIRTHDAY & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT ABILITY HOUSE
14 KINDNESS NINJAS SPREAD ACTS OF KINDNESS AROUND RICHARDSON	100 ARTICLES OF CLOTHING FOR "MIKE'S KIDS"



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

September 16, 2020 · 🌐

Today's the day!! Join us for #northtexasgivingday2020 and be a part of
Leading to a Better Community!

<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/altrusarichardson>



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

August 16, 2020 · 🌐

Coronavirus – you can't stop Altrusans!!! #AltrusaRichardson

On Aug 3 & 11, donations were made to NETWORK to ensure this school year gets off to a great start thanks to generous donations and supporters of our fundraiser last year.

Donation Summary:

School student - 120 backbacks

Girls panties – 255 pairs

Girls socks – 206 pairs

Boys briefs – 130 pairs

Boy socks – 186 pairs

New kids shoes - 62 pairs





Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

August 15, 2020 🌐

#AltrusaRichardson and other community supporters participate in the #RISDBackpackBash distribution to kick off the 2020-21 school year.





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Altrusa Richardson

140 Tweets

#KindnessMatters

NETWORK @Network_Impacts · Dec 3, 2020

Shout out to @AltrusaRichTX for delivering a bunch of toys last week! They also recently collected coats for our Clothing Closet. Thank you!



Altrusa Richardson @AltrusaRichTX · Dec 1, 2020



#GivingTuesday @AltrusaRichTX continues to support our community because of the generosity and outpouring of care and kindness for those in need. #KindnessMatters

Donate now: altrusarichardson.com/Donations





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140 Tweets



Altrusa Richardson @AltrusaRichTX · Dec 15, 2020



@AltrusaRichTX presented a BIG CHECK to Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker for \$218,427 representing over 7,000 volunteer hours contributed by Altrusa members this past year. Altrusa Richardson has been contributing to the betterment of Richardson since 1966. #AltrusaRichardson



Altrusa Richardson @AltrusaRichTX · Dec 13, 2020



Santa's Elves (aka Richardson Altrusans) spread joy this holiday season with residents of Ability House by decorating their home, decorating a Christmas Tree w/festive lights and ornaments, and even placing presents underneath for them to enjoy. #KindnessMatters @AbilityConnect



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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Email Samples

1. Club Meeting Invitation, Agenda/Minutes
2. General / Admin. Reminders
3. District / International News
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8. Service Projects / Volunteers Needed / Project Results
9. Service Projects / other non-profit support
10. COVID-19 material / Altrusa Face Masks

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: JOIN US THURSDAY NIGHT! Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting, Thu, July 16, 2020 - UPDATED Agenda, Proposed Foundation AND ADMIN Budget, Proposed Strategic Plan links included

Altrusa Guest,

Join us!

Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86097995530>

Date: Thu, July 16, 2020



*“Achieving wonderful things through
Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion”*

You are invited to join the Monthly ZOOM Meeting of Altrusa Richardson.

Social Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

Click the following links for:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Proposed 2020-2021 Administration Budget](#)
- [Proposed 2020-2021 Foundation Budget](#)
- [Proposed 2020-2021 Strategic Plan](#)

Click this link to join via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86097995530>

or go to www.zoom.us

Meeting ID# **860-9799-5530**

If needing to connect by PHONE, please call **1-346-248-7799**, follow the prompts, and enter the **Meeting ID # 860-9799-5530**

More information: [Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting](#)

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: REMINDER: Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting, Thu, November 19, 2020

Kimberly Kierce,

Upcoming event information:
Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting at Via Zoom
Date: Thu, November 19, 2020 6:30 PM



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You are invited to join the Monthly ZOOM Meeting of Altrusa Richardson



Pam Johnson’s book is published! Pam will present her book; *Did I Remember to Tell You? A Real-life Guidebook for Dementia Family Caregivers*, at our November 19th, 2020 meeting. Her book is based on professional experience, spanning over forty years working with older adults in a variety of health care settings, coupled with the invaluable personal knowledge she gained while caring for her father.

Pam states, “while there is an abundance of information about dementia for family caregivers to learn symptoms, skills, do’s and don’ts, there is little to help them comprehend why it is so important to do everything differently than before this disease. And to fully understand the consequences when they don’t.”

Pam’s presentation will help us gain insight into the difficulty of doing and saying the right things for the right reasons.

SSocial Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

The Agenda and Meeting Minutes for approval will be posted / published prior to the meeting.

To join the Zoom Meeting, click the link below or copy / paste the link into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539622204>

Meeting ID: 825 3962 2204

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More information and online registration: [Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting](#)

Best regards,
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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Mobile app for Altrusa Richardson Members - Member Directory and Events

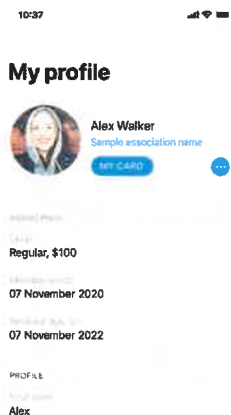
An app to help you stay connected

Hi Kimberly

Staying in touch has been difficult for all of us during this pandemic. Download the **Wild Apricot Members app** and sign in with the same email address and password for your **Altrusa Richardson** account.

The most popular feature of the app is the Member Directory, which helps you stay connected and update your member information. Access to upcoming meetings/events and registrations is also helpful.

This app helps you:



- Interact with fellow members anywhere from your mobile device
- Register for events
- View all existing event registrations
- Update your member profile, including your address, phone and email
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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:20 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Event Announcement: NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY, Wed, February 17, 2021

Richardson Altrusans!

Join us!
NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
Date: **Wed, February 17, 2021**



NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Each year on February 17th, National Random Acts of Kindness Day is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness.

The movement of Random Acts of Kindness inspires people every day. As a favorite celebration for many, people everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness. Not only do the acts of kindness bring joy to the receiver, but they spread positive reactions to the giver, too!

In this time of unprecedented inclement weather, reach out to your family, neighbors and friends to check-in and see how they are doing. This simple gesture is sure to **warm their heart!**

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event Announcement: DISTRICT NINE: 2020 Awards Dinner, Thu, October 08, 2020

Kimberly Kierce,

Upcoming event information:
DISTRICT NINE: 2020 Awards Dinner at Besa's and/or Zoom
Date: **Thu, October 08, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**



Altrusa District Nine Awards Dinner

This Awards Presentation will be held virtually via Zoom AND Altrusa Richardson will be "attending" via Zoom while having dinner as a group at Besa's Italian Restaurant.

While the 2020 Conference had to be canceled and done virtually and the in-person plans for the 2020 Fall Leadership Event has also gone virtual, the pandemic will NOT stop the celebration! Join fellow District Nine Altrusans as we celebrate the nominations and top honors for the 2018-2019 club year and a special announcement and recognition for the Days for Girls project and results.

Awards to be presented:

- Edith DeBusk President's Award
- Mamie L Bass Service Award
- Nin Fay Calhoun International Award
- Letha H Brown Literacy Award

[Zoom Link](#)

[2020-10-03 District Fall Leadership Event.pdf](#)

Be part of the celebration at home or at Besa's.

REGISTER HERE: [DISTRICT NINE: 2020 Awards Dinner](#)

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson
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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Club 21 Membership



Need to get connected with renewing or becoming a Club 21 Member? With a donation of \$21 or more you can be a Club 21 Member.

Check out the donation options below:

For Mail in Donations:

[General-Contribution-Form Altrusa-Foundation January-2020 Fillable.pdf](#)

For Donations Online:

<https://www.altrusa.org/foundation/>

Also check out the Club 21 Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AltrusaInternationalFoundationInc/photos/club-21-for-such-a-small-price-you-can-join-club-21-with-this-you-will-receive-a-/1089469011254748/>

Questions? Contact Mimi Tanner

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Kimberly Kierce

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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:00 AM
To: Altrusa Richardson
Subject: LAST CHANCE to WIN SOME GREEN: Altrusa SHAMROCKIN' Photo Contest - ENTRY, DEADLINE:Fri, March 12, 2021

Altrusa Richardson,

LAST CHANCE to Participate!
Altrusa SHAMROCKIN' Photo Contest - ENTRY
Deadline: Fri, March 12, 2021 at 11:00 PM

*YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, INC.*



To raise money for our annual scholarship fund for deserving high school students, we are hosting a photo contest. Take a St. Patrick's Day-themed photo and submit it for prizes. We have two St. Patrick's Day wearing of the green categories, PETS or PEOPLE.

ALTRUSA SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

- 1. TWO PRIZES:** A \$50 amazon gift card will be awarded for the photo that receives the most votes in the PETS and in the PEOPLE category. Winners will be contacted by email March 18, 2021.
- 2. ENTRY:** Fill out the Official Entry Form by registering for this event at <https://altrusarichardson.com> and click on the SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST icon on the home page. You will pay a \$10 entry fee per photo entry; be sure to add a fun caption to your photo. Please, no photoshopped images.

3. Enter as many photos as you wish. You will need to fill out a separate Official Entry / Registration Form for each photo you enter.

4. Once registered and paid, you will receive an email with the link to submit your St. Patrick's Day themed digital image (JPEG formats only).

5. **Registration and photo entries must be submitted between 8am Monday, March 1, 2021 and 11pm Friday, March 12, 2021.**

6. **VOTING:** Photo voting opens on 8am, Monday, March 15th and closes at 5pm Wednesday, March 17, 2021. To vote for your favorite photo, go to <https://altrusarichardson.com> and click on the **SHAMROCKIN' PHOTO CONTEST** icon on the home page or you can access it under the Donations tab on the home page. You may vote as many times as you wish for as many photos as you wish. Select your photo choice(s) and add them to your shopping cart for **\$5 per photo/vote**.

(Example, if you want to vote for a photo three times, enter it in your cart, tap the quantity for 3 and pay \$15 at check out.)

7. By entering this contest, you agree that you have read the rules and are giving Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. permission to use your PETS Photo or PEOPLE Photo for publication or use in electronic media for promotional materials and publicity efforts.

8. Void where prohibited.

Please forward this email to friends and family that you think may be interested in participating!

More information and online registration: [Altrusa SHAMROCKIN' Photo Contest - ENTRY](#)

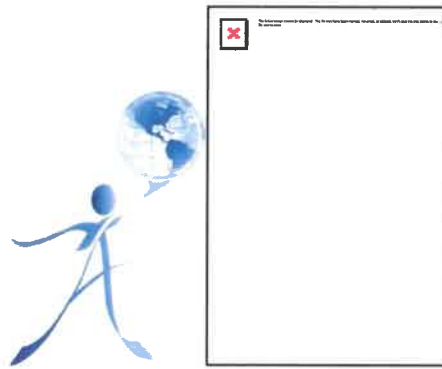
Best regards,
Altrusa Richardson
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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: IMPORTANT TAX NOTIFICATION - Altrusa Richardson Foundation Donation Receipt

Thank you for participating in North Texas Gving Day and supporting Altrusa Richardson



Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 832101, Richardson TX 75083

DONATION RECEIPT

Receipt number: 00084

Date: Fri, September 25, 2020
Amount: \$104.99 (Supporter)
Tender: North Texas Giving Day

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity will enable us to continue our work within our community and beyond.

Donation received from:

Kimberly Kierce
kimberly.kierce@cor.gov
Altrusa Richardson

Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation under 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3). Because you received no services or goods in consideration for this gift, the full amount of the gift may be deductible on your income tax return to the extent allowed by Internal Revenue Regulations.

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event registration confirmed for Leadership Event: Who Moved my Cheese?/Sat, October 24, 2020 11:00 AM

Dear Kimberly Kierce,

Your event registration has been completed. Thank you for registering.

Event: [Leadership Event: Who Moved my Cheese?](#)
Date: Sat, October 24, 2020 11:00 AM -
Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87419657470?pwd=V05ZLzZRbUNKV2ZvaDROaIBEMHVBQT09>



We hope this finds you all healthy and safe during this pandemic. Much in our lives has changed due to COVID-19, and we are sure there are more changes ahead as we rethink and adapt to a new “normal.” The Leadership Team would like to invite you to join us for an hour to improve our club as we adapt to the new challenges of these changing times.

Because of the changes within Altrusa at the local, District and International levels of our organization, the Leadership Team of Brenda Duckett, Christine Hart and Sue McElveen would like to host a Fall **Zoom** Leadership Seminar. This is yet another way we have had to change to adapt to the pandemic circumstances.

The theme of the seminar will be based on a book called “*Who Moved My Cheese*” by *Spencer Johnson, M.D.* We are asking you to please read this little book, and/or watch a UTube video of the book. Go to: [Who Moved My Cheese](#) to watch this short cartoon about the book or you can get a copy of the book from our President, Samantha Slaight. Either way we hope you find it informative and get you to thinking about ways we have changed as a club, and ways we can continue to change to help us do the work we need to do in the community as a volunteer organization.

Click on this link to go to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOUeHPS8A8g>

Some questions you might consider:

- 1. Which character in the parable do you think you are?
- 2. How can we adapt to change and still keep moving toward our goals?

3. How has change that our club has undergone affected you?
4. What would you do if you were not afraid of change?
5. How can we better anticipate change?

Please go to our website at [Altrusa Richardson - Home](#) and register to attend this lively debate and learning session. We hope you will engage with us on **Saturday, October 24, starting at 11 A.M.** Closer to the date of the Zoom meeting the Leadership Team will send out an agenda for the meeting.

This seminar will be a little different than what we regularly get to do, another example of change. The upside is that there is no cost for this since we will not be having an outside speaker, nor will we be paying for a lunch. However, if you have friends you would like to introduce to Altrusa this will be a perfect time to invite them to join us.

Christine Hart, chairman of the Membership Committee will be opening the session with a brief synopsis of the

book/video. This is just in case you have not had time (just how busy are you during COVID? 😊) to read the book or view the video. Then Brenda Duckett will lead the discussion and get us involved in finding ways to help us make change not such a daunting or scary task.

Also, Mary Osentowski and Sylvia McClosky, as chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about how COVID-19 has affected the goals of our club.

Sue McElveen will be the host of this session and hopefully keep things moving along giving each person an opportunity to ask questions, provide insight that you have discovered and contribute to the conversation.

Sign up and tune in to our Fall Leadership Event on October 24 at 11:00 A.M.

Sue McElveen

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

Additional information:

Altrusa Richardson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Who Stole My Cheese

Time: Oct 24, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87419657470?pwd=V05ZLzZRbUNKV2ZvaDR0aIBEMHVbQ09>

Meeting ID: 874 1965 7470

Passcode: 455703

One tap mobile

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Your registration data:

First name: Kimberly

Last name: Kierce
Organization: Altrusa Richardson
e-Mail: kimberly.kierce@cor.gov
Primary Phone: 2142745409
Secondary Phone: W: 972-744-4502

To review event and your registration details online, log in at <https://altrusarichardson.com/> with your email kimberly.kierce@cor.gov and password and go to the event page at <https://altrusarichardson.com/event-3996723>.

Don't know your password? Reset it here <https://altrusarichardson.com/Sys/ResetPasswordRequest>

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Event Announcement: Let's Give Them Something to Taco Bout, Tue, May 04, 2021



Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
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Mon 4/12/2021 6:00 PM

Richardson Altrusans!

Join us!

Let's Give Them Something to Taco Bout at Desperados, 3443 W. Campbell Rd., Garland, 75044
Date: Tue, May 04, 2021 6:00 PM



Let's Give Em Something to Taco Bout and CELEBRATE Altrusa



When: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (Cinco de Mayo Eve)

**Time: 6pm to 8pm Join us for Happy Hour and the delicious
\$8.99 Beef or Chicken Desperado Taco Special**

**Where: Desperados Dos Restaurant, 3443 W. Campbell Rd.
Garland, TX 75044 (NE Corner of Jupiter/Campbell)**

It's been a while since we have celebrated in person. If you are comfortable, lets give em something to taco bout. It's time to CELEBRATE the 2020-2021 Altrusa year and it's Cinco de Mayo Eve too. We hope you will join us because surely after all this time you have something to taco bout. Of course there will be fun and prizes. Guests are welcome.

Hosted by the fabulous Altrusa International
Richardson Membership Committee.

CELEBRATE CELEBRATE CELEBRATE

More information and online registration: [Let's Give Them Something to Taco Bout](#)

Best regards,

Hosted by The Fabulous Altrusa International Richardson Membership Committee.

6 to 8 pm. Join us for Happy Hour and the delicious Beef or Chicken Desperado Taco Special

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Event Announcement: Sister Social: "Together Tuesdays", Tue, July 14, 2020 (6:30 PM - 7:00 PM)

Richardson Altrusans!

Join us!

Sister Social: "Together Tuesdays" (
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74977486296?pwd=eXNOczdFeVFwcTJnZzRDMm9hRkpoUT09>)
Date: Tue, July 14, 2020 (6:30 PM - 7:00 PM)

Are planning to attend / participate:



Join us for a Sister Social: **"Together Tuesdays" !**

This event is purely social and a great way to "Separately" be "Together" in these unprecedented times and share the Altrusa Sisterhood while many of us shelter in place.

Click the link below to join zoom and register online to receive the Zoom link via email. Your meeting confirmation email will include the link to this online Zoom meeting.

Please contact Kimberly if you need help connecting via ZOOM.

[Click this LINK TO JOIN via ZOOM](#)

Altrusa Richardson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Altrusa Sister Social " Together Tuesdays"

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74977486296?pwd=eXNOczdFeVFwcTJnZzRDMm9hRkpoUT09>

Meeting ID: 749 7748 6296

Password: 123

More information and online registration: [Sister Social: "Together Tuesdays"](#)

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

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This email contains links that will automatically log you into the Altrusa Richardson site. These links will work for the next 7 days only. Please, don't forward this email to anyone!

Kimberly Kierce

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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 6:00 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event Announcement: RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club), Mon, April 26, 2021

Dear Kimberly Kierce,

Upcoming event information:

RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club) at Via Zoom - Registration Required to get access
Date: **Mon, April 26, 2021 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Please register online by clicking this link - - > <http://altrusarichardson.com/event-4041408>



Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS)

Our meetings will continue to be on the 4th Monday of the month for the remainder of our club year on Zoom.

Just bring your own wine, chocolate or snacks - or just bring yourself.

Topic: AWCLS - Altrusa Book Club

ALTRUSA WINE AND CHOCOLATE LITERARY SOCIETY

2021 BOOK SELECTIONS

Date	Title of Book	Author	Leader
Jan 25	<i>Where the Forest Meets the Stars</i>	Glendy Vander	Pam Johnson
Feb 22	<i>The Summer Cottage</i>	Viola Shipman	Samanthia Slaight
March 22	<i>The Mermaid Chair</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Mary Osentowski
April 26	<i>The Downstairs Girl</i>	Stacy Lee	Robin Smith
May 24	<i>The Book of Two Ways</i>	Jodi Picoult	Janice Campbell
June 28	<i>Big Lies in a Small Town</i>	Diane Chamberlain	Samanthia Slaight
July 26	<i>The Book of Longings</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Cheryl Toliver
Aug 23	<i>This Tender Land</i>	William Kent Krueger	Janet Vance
Sept 27	<i>We Are All the Same in the Dark</i>	Julia Heaberlin	Mary Beth McLemore
Oct 25	<i>The Home for Unwanted Girls</i>	Joanna Goodman	<i>Need leader</i>

Nov 22	<i>The Book of Lost Names</i>	Kristin Harmel	<i>Need leader</i>
*Dec 6	Annual Party and 2022 Book Selection	Details to be decided	_____

Time: April 26, 2021, 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

You will receive Zoom signon information in the email that reminds you that you are registered for the event.

Questions? Contact Event Organizer: Christine Hart

Membership Retention Committee
Altrusa Richardson

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Please choose a high school location below and follow the directions to register.

- **Berkner High School** – Text BHS to 972-235-5296 or [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer
- **Lake Highlands High School** – Text LHHS to 972-235-5296 or [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer
- **J.J. Pearce High School** – Text PHS to 972-235-5296 or [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer
- **Richardson High School** – Text RHS to 972-235-5296 or [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer

Let us know you are participating by registering on our website as well and select the school: [RISD Backpack Distribution Volunteers Needed](#)

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:07 PM
To: Altrusa Richardson
Subject: Thanks to those who worked on the KAN Weekend

Hello all,

What a great turnout we had this morning for KAN weekend. Kudos to the Kindness Committee who made this possible. A special thank you goes to Telva Gale for donating supplies and instructing us on how to make the cards. Who knew that there is a fabulous artist within each of us. Thanks also to Sue for your leadership and to the Kindness Committee who helped put this all together. Also, thanks to all those who came to make cards. I'm sure that the residents of Twin Rivers Independent Living and Apple Tree Court were happy to receive such beautiful and special cards that they in turn can send to their friends and loved ones.

Also, thank you to those who donated pajamas and gowns to Pajamas for Seniors and Twin Rivers Assisted Living. It is always a pleasure that we can help assist those who need it most.

Thanks again,

Samanthia



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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Ability House Christmas Decorating



Richardson Altrusans

Oh! Oh! Oh!

Girls! I received a call from Jackie Scrivener! She has is **donating \$100.00 to Ability House Committee** to put toward Christmas for Ability House!Also! She sent me to Christine Hart because.....**Peter would love to play Santa Claus for Ability House!** He has a lovely suit and even Santa's toy bag! I will get with Carolyn Bailey and Dupe' to see if we can have him at the door to interact and maybe hand out presents!

Ok, ya'll told me to just assign folks to do the gifts for one resident. So here goes! And if ya'll prefer a different name and want to swap with each other just let me know who is doing who so nobody slips through the crack! LOL And if you cannot take on a resident please let me know and I will find someone who can. Thank you!

- **Robert-** Gayle
- **Henry-**Rosemary
- **Shelly-**Deb
- **Kathleen-**Alma
- **Vera-**Donna
- **Nina-**Janie

Per our notes from the meeting: Christmas gifts limit of \$75.00 to include, \$25.00 Target gift card, and \$50.00 value in presents. Janie has also suggested that presents bought should include the gift receipt for easy return/exchange if needed.

Remember, there will also be a lovely Christmas lap blanket included with this year's gifts. These were purchased last year. Don't forget! All you ladies that have taken blankets to add

the fringe to, we need them ready to go by December 10th so I can collect them and have them ready to take to Ability House on the 12th.

*****Update: At this time we have for Ability House Christmas decorations inside: New Pre-lit Tree, tree skirt, six individual Christmas balls and unbreakable generic Christmas ball ornaments.**

We could still use a few of the following: **tinsel, ribbons, and garland. Ornaments are already covered. I (Rosemary) will purchase the stockings from the Dollar store because they always seem to disappear every year! However, if you have **any little toys or footie socks or any small items** that you think they might like that will fill stockings let me know please!**

*****Here is what we currently have to put outside in the yard for Christmas decorations: Blow up Santa and Sleigh, Christmas Penguin and Snow Man, lots of out door lights and a few big out door Christmas balls.**

Please let me know if you have any outside decorations that can be donated. Thank you!

We will also be needing Volunteers.....and husband Volunteers to help string the lights on the house etc. This will be done in the week after Thanksgiving. I will let you know when we have a exact date probably Sat. 11/28 or 12/5. Or both as needed.

If I have left anything out please let me know! Thank you for all you do and especially to all my Altrusa Sisters who have done so much for Ability House this year!

Rosemary Gouger

214-336-8944

boadicearose@sbcglobal.net

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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: 2-3 Volunteers Needed ASAP - Sat Aug 8 (10a-2p) for Days for Girls (social distanced) event



Richardson Altrusans

Just got a message from Jane Tucker asking for **2-3 volunteers to help put Days for Girls packets together.**

As you remember, this was a statewide effort that was supposed to culminate at District Nine's Annual Conference last April. Materials were readied by Altrusa clubs throughout Texas and we were to assemble them as a hands-on event at conference.

Since that did not happen, Jane Tucker and Shirley Raymer, who is on the District Board, have been collecting all the finished materials and will assemble them on **Saturday, August 8** (tomorrow) from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Shirley's home in Garland (3316 S Country Club Rd, Garland, TX 75043)**. Shirley has a large home with plenty of room to social distance.

If you are interested in helping, please respond to this email or contact Janet Tucker directly ASAP.

There is some urgency to this project since they need to go to the Days for Girls organization for distribution later on in the fall (not sure of the exact timing but it is coming up soon).

Thanks for your help during this most difficult time.

Sue McElveen

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

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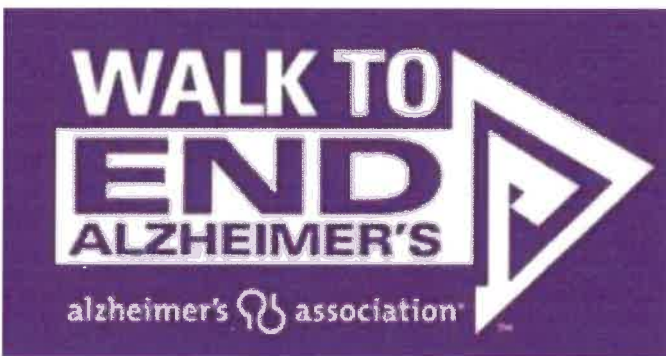
Kimberly Kierce

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From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 12:00 AM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Event Announcement: 2020 "Virtual" Walk to End Alzheimer's - Dallas, Sat, October 03, 2020

Altrusa Guest,

Upcoming event information:
2020 "Virtual" Walk to End Alzheimer's - Dallas
Date: **Sat, October 03, 2020**



It is time to #ENDALZ

Alzheimer's isn't waiting, and neither are we. **Altrusa Richardson** is participating in the 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Dallas to raise awareness and funds to support Alzheimer's care, support and research.

This year, Walk is everywhere — on every sidewalk, track and trail. While we won't be gathering at a large in-person event, I'll be walking in my neighborhood, while others in our community are walking in theirs. Will you join me in the fight to #ENDALZ?

There are two ways you can help:

Join our team - **Altrusa Richardson**, and walk with us virtually or together on 10/03/2020. We can walk together in small groups, or you can walk in your own neighborhood.

Although this is a fundraising event, you do Not have to make a donation to sign up as a participant and can still support the great cause and help increase awareness of the disease and the valuable programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Jane Tucker and I are leading the way this year in hopes that you will "Walk with Us" and our Altrusa sisters. We would be so grateful to have your support. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

Sincerely,
Pam Johnson and Jane Tucker

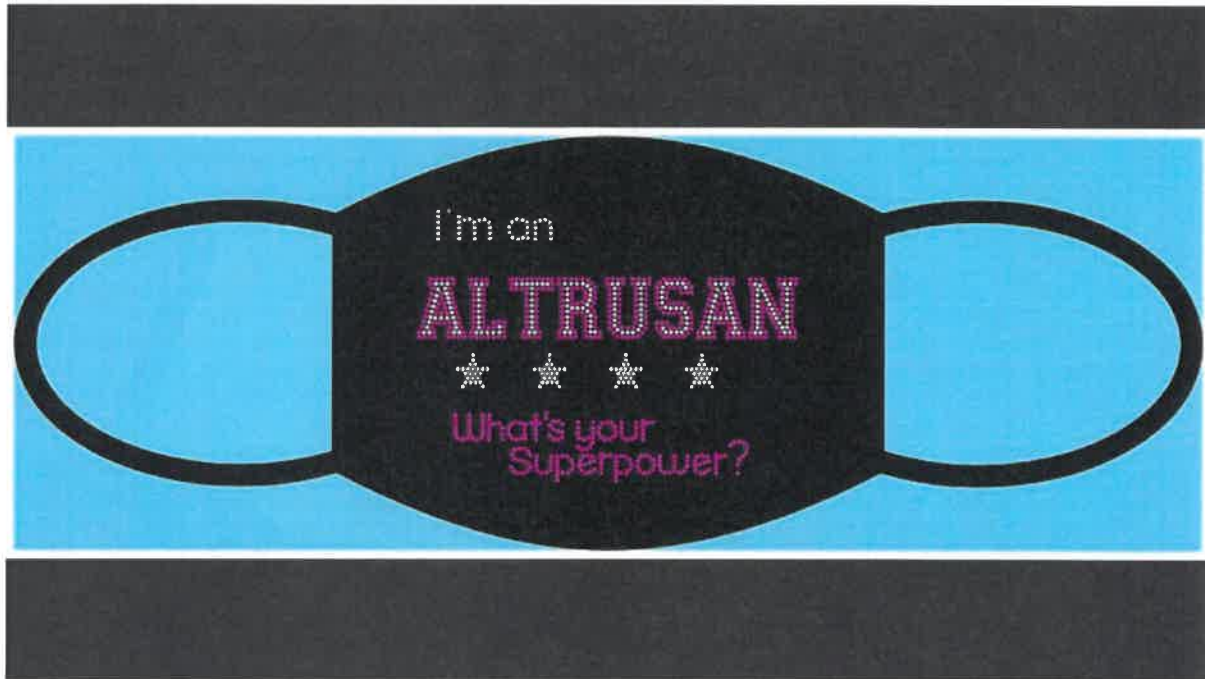
[Altrusa Fundraising Page](#)

[My Fundraising Page - Pam](#)

[My Fundraising Page - Jane](#)

To register, visit my page and find the "Join My Team" button. My team name is Altrusa Richardson.

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:31 PM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Altrusa Face Masks



Dear Altrusa Sisters,

Many of you may recall a Dallas Club Altrusan named Gillian Allen. If you don't know her, she is just this great spark of joy and if ever you get the chance to meet her you will be delighted by her Scottish brogue. I am friends with her on Facebook and saw that she was making masks with the Altrusa International logo on one and on another a Kindness statement under a globe and Altrusans in all caps above the globe. She might have other designs but you would have to contact her. If you are on FB look up her profile and you can see several designs under her posts. She runs a small business called The Cat's Pajamas and you can order online through Facebook. The masks I ordered are only \$10 each and are perfect for this horrible time we are living through. Just another way to get Altrusa's name out there and support a great Altrusan's small business. If you need more information, just contact me.

Hugs and Altrusa Love to all,

Sue McElveen





From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Spreading Kindness

Happy Friday,

After last night's meeting, I began thinking about kindness and what it really means. Altrusans show kindness in everything that we do. Even in times of Covid, our Altrusa sisters stepped up and performed genuine acts of kindness. Network was given necessary items that our children needed to go back to school; back packs were distributed to our school children; and residents of Hopes Door benefited from our generosity and kindness with items abused women desperately need.

We were also able to spread kindness in a very surprising way. We found out that Lowe's donates certain items such as dented appliances and other items to agency's who serve those who are in need. Simply by making a purchase, it opened even more doors for future acts of kindness. It's amazing how kindness spreads.

Right now, we need kindness. I always go back to the butterfly effect. When a butterfly flaps its wings in one place, the effect can be experienced much further than just the space the action took place. As Altrusans, let's continue flapping our butterfly wings and spread kindness throughout the world.

In Altrusa love,

Samanthia



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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Publicity Samples

1. Altrusa Presents Symbolic check to City Council
Richardson Today, December 18, 2020
Week in Review, December 18, 2020
2. Altrusa International of Richardson Opens Scholarship Application window for Area Students
Community IMPACT Newspaper – Richardson, January 7, 2021
3. Altrusa Scholarship Applications Open
Week in Review, January 15, 2021

Richardson Today is distributed monthly to all residents of the City of Richardson (nearly 31,700 residences)

Week in Review is weekly email message from the Richardson Mayor and Richardson City Council to several thousand of email subscribers to help Richardson residents and businesses keep up to date on events happening in Richardson

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Week In Review, Dec. 18, 2020

Post Date: 12/18/2020 4:00 PM



Dec. 18, 2020

This is the latest edition of Week In Review - a series of weekly messages from the Mayor and City Council to help Richardson residents and businesses keep up to date on events at City Hall. If you would like to sign up to receive this in a weekly e-mail [click here](#).

Throughout the year the City Council or City Plan Commission will hold meetings on topics of significant interest to local neighborhoods or the community in general. Links to view all City Council or City Plan Commission meeting documents that may have topics of interest to you can be found here:

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Altrusa International of Richardson opens scholarship application window for area students



Richardson nonprofit is offering college scholarships (Courtesy Adobe Stock)

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Local nonprofit Altrusa International of Richardson is offering scholarships to students living in Richardson or attending Richardson ISD.

The scholarships will be awarded based on students' scholastic achievements, financial needs, extracurricular activities and community volunteer work. Applicants will also be required to write a short essay.

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The scholarship, which can be used at any two- or four-year college or university, must be used for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Five to ten scholarships will be awarded, according to the nonprofit.

Altrusa International is dedicated to making communities better through leadership, partnership and service, according to their website.

Applications can be found [here](#) and must be turned in by Feb. 21.

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Week In Review, Jan. 15, 2021

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Jan. 15, 2021

This is the latest edition of Week In Review - a series of weekly messages from the Mayor and City Council to help Richardson residents and businesses keep up to date on events at City Hall. If you would like to sign up to receive this in a weekly e-mail [click here](#).

Throughout the year the City Council or City Plan Commission will hold meetings on topics of significant interest to local neighborhoods or the community in general. Links to view all City Council or City Plan Commission meeting documents that may have topics of interest to you can be found here:

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EVENTS

City Council Collaborates with UT Dallas, RISD, PISD to Sponsor Student Contests



The Richardson City Council, along with UT Dallas, RISD and PISD, is sponsoring two student contests that began accepting entries last week: a Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and a "Black History Month: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion" Art Contest. The contests are part of a large slate of activities and events taking place in Richardson to celebrate MLK, Jr. Day and Black History Month.

Each contest is open to students who reside within the City of Richardson or attend a RISD/PISD school within Richardson, and each challenges students, in different ways, to think about and share their own personal experiences. Rules and deadlines for each may be found at www.cor.net/ArtandEssayContest. Winners will be recognized at a future City Council meeting.

Altrusa Scholarship Applications Open



Altrusa International of Richardson has announced the opening of its annual scholarship program. Applicants must reside in the City of Richardson or attend an RISD school, and recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, financial need, community volunteerism, extracurricular activities and a short essay. Scholarships are awarded for attendance at two-year or four-year colleges/universities and must be used for the next school year.

Applications are available [here](#) and are due Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

Website: www.altrusarichardson.com

Contact: Jane Merz or Barbara Berthold at contact@altrusarichardson.com

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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Other Communication and Marketing

1. Richardson Strong Sign Campaign
2. Choose Kind Libraries
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Richardson Strong – Altrusa Richardson Signage

Altrusa Richardson joined the community effort in Richardson, Texas as the pandemic changed our daily lives in 2020 and the community pulled together to get through the tough times. “Richardson Strong” signs were developed, and a few non-profits and neighborhood organizations joined together to sustain hope for all as we coped with unprecedented times of change and uncertainty.

Altrusa Richardson is always “Leading to a Better Community” and joined this grassroots effort without hesitation. Many members proudly display their “Richardson Strong - Altrusa Richardson” signage throughout the Richardson Community.



Richardson Altrusans spread the word of Altrusa International throughout the Richardson community by sharing the message of "Richardson Strong!"



Local Choose Kind Libraries

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Top left: The Assistant Principal thanks Altrusa Richardson for the donation of books and explains to parents about the Section at the Ribbon Cutting of **Audelia Creek Elementary** Choose Kind Library.

Top right: Librarian Shelly Kraal stands in front of the Choose Kind Library section of the **Northrich Elementary** Choose Kind Library.



Middle: **Spring Valley Elementary** librarian Kristen Anderson (right of sign) and Altrusans Bobbi Klein, Jackie Scrivener, Janet McColloch and Sue McElveen show off the section.



Bottom left: Librarian Lynn Gomez (center in front of sign) and students show off books from the **Terrace Elementary** Choose Kind Library. Altrusans left to right are: Cindy McIntyre, Jane Tucker, Rose Daughety, Bobbi Klein and Gloria Sandoval

Five International Choose Kind Libraries

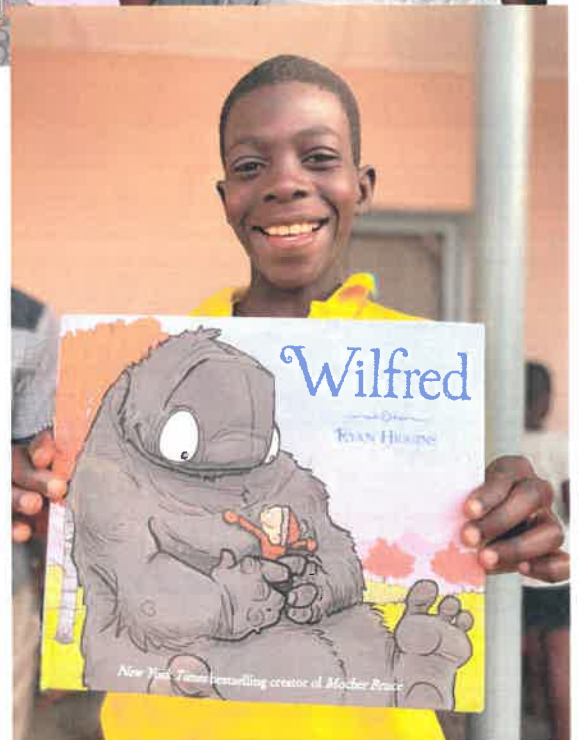
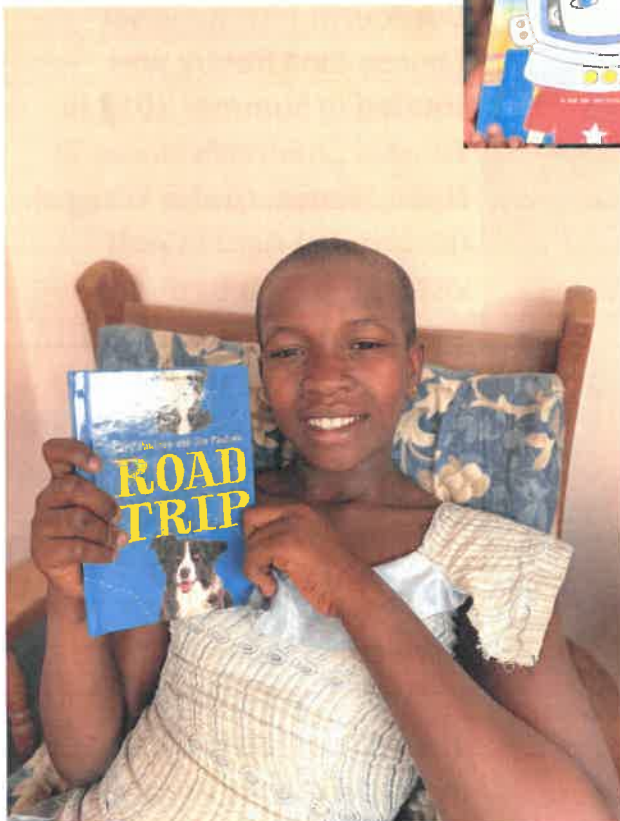
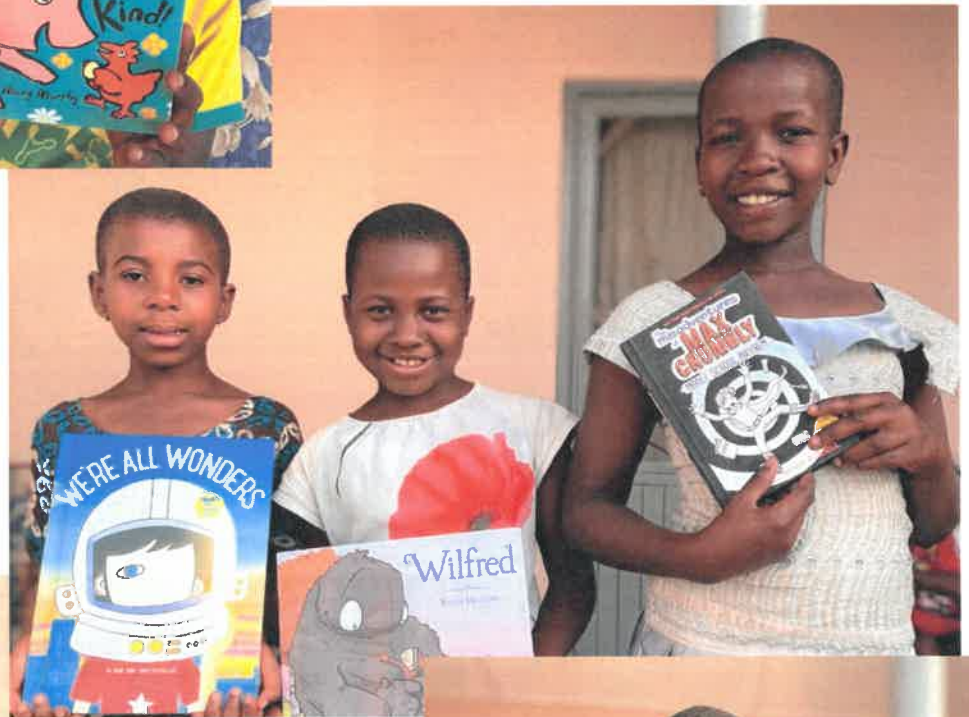
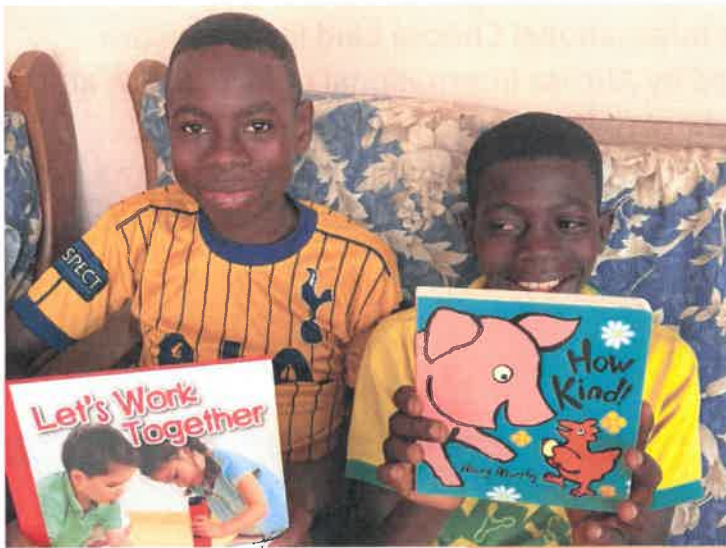
Three International Choose Kind libraries were created by Altrusa International of Richardson at the School of Hope in **St. Michel** and **Port-au-Prince, Haiti** through TeachHaiti as well as **Santa Avelina Guatemala** through HELPS International.



Our fourth International Choose Kind library was created in Summer 2018 in **Tumani Children's Home in Nyeri, Kenya**. Gracie Wangui (pictured at right in red) visited our club birthday celebration in February 2018 and is pictured here in June 2018 at the orphanage where she lived as a child and is now sharing Kindness with the children. A Choose Kind Library books and bookplates were delivered (pictured above). The banner was mailed separately by Altrusa to Gracie but we are still awaiting photos.

NEW 2021 International Choose Kind Library

Our fifth International Choose Kind Library was created in **Spring 2021** in an orphanage in **Nairobi, Kenya**. Children of the orphanage are pictured here proudly displaying their new book arrivals.



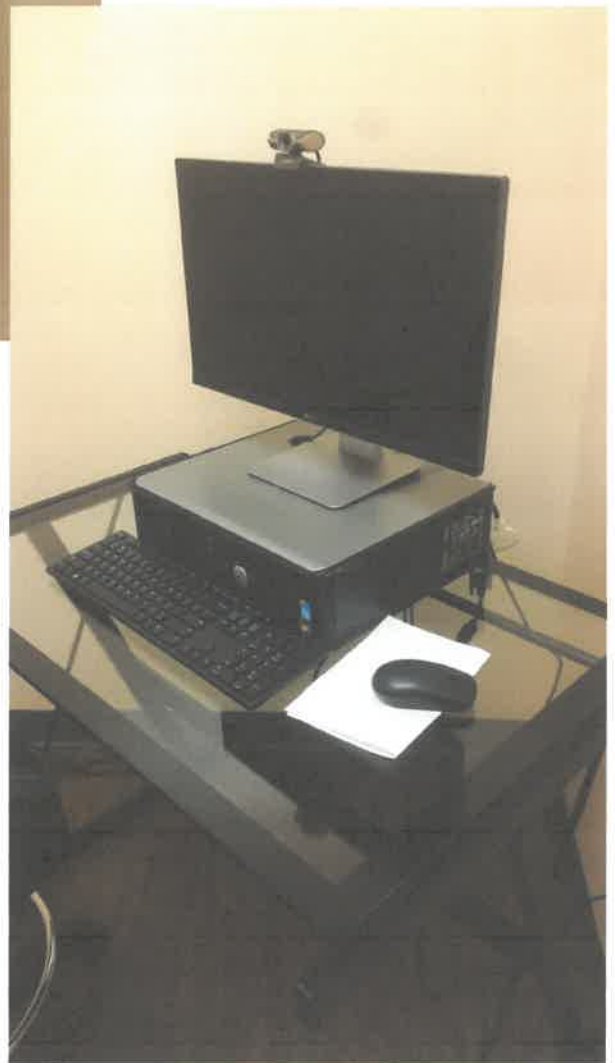
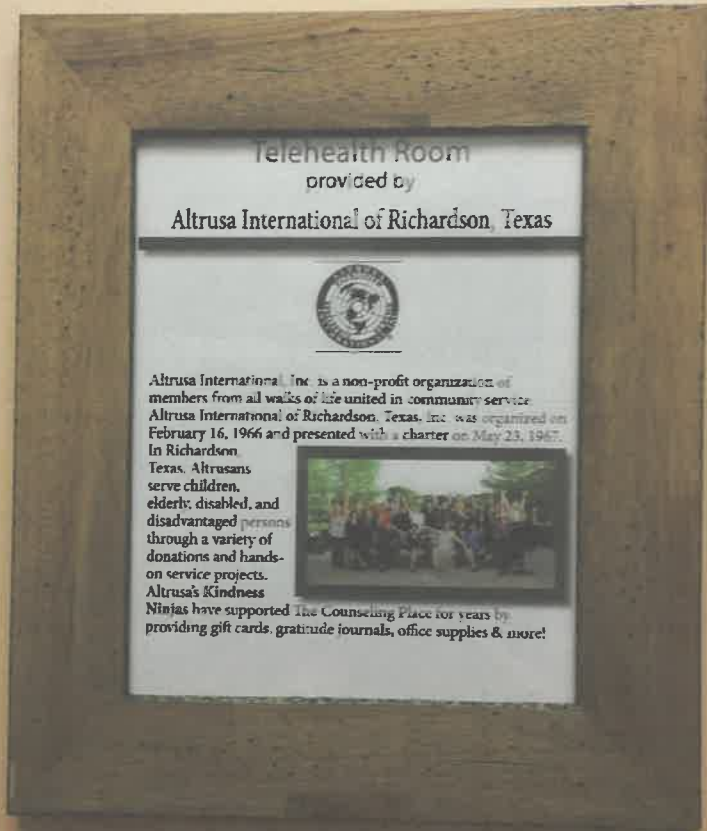
Altrusa Richardson's BIG Check



While the Altrusa Richardson Annual Fundraiser Luncheon could not be held in October 2020 as originally planned, Altrusa Richardson still made its annual presentation of the “Big Check” to the Mayor of Richardson at a December 2020 City Council Meeting that represented the total number of volunteer hours Altrusans gave to the community in the form of service in the previous year.

When grants are awarded to non-profit agencies, Altrusa Richardson presents this “Big Check” to the agency representative who gives a short presentation about how the grant will be used to further the mission of their organization. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic formal Big Check presentations were not possible.

Altrusa Richardson sponsored the Telehealth Room at The Counseling Place to facilitate virtual counseling by providing a computer setup and journals for clients.



Altrusa Richardson's Backdrop Banner

Our Backdrop Banner makes a great photo op for profile events and service projects





Board of Director Group Photos



Due to the pandemic this year and limitations on public event and group gatherings, we were unable to utilize this banner in 2020-2021 but look forward to returning to in person events in 2021-2022 and rolling out this popular photo op again soon!



Altrusa Richardson Pop-Up Banners

Leading to a Better Community[®] because of supporters like YOU!



THANK YOU!



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RICHARDSON COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Community Initiative Committee interviewed community leaders to determine unmet needs in our community. The leaders pinpointed needs as Education/Literacy, helping our international population, working with our seniors, and the need for a brochure of Social Services that are available in our community.

We currently do an evening reading program with Pre-K students at one RISD School. With several children and a parent of each, we model how to read and share a picture book with a child. Also, we do related literacy activities with the children, showing the parents how to support their child's learning. We send each child home from each session with a book of their own to keep.

At the Richardson Senior Center, we advertised and facilitated a *Be Informed and Be Prepared* event, assisting members of the RPD, RFD, Emergency Preparedness and the Animal Shelter who informed and signed up seniors for: Lock Box, SNAP, Vial of Life and offered pets for adoption.

The Community and International aspects will be served by a print and online brochure we are creating to be made available to patrons at the Richardson Library and for use by the Richardson Police Department. It will be a compilation of Social Services available within our community.



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Ability House Christmas Party

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WHO WE ARE

Altrusa International, Inc. is a non-profit organization of classified members united in community service.

Membership is extended to individuals who are achievers in many different career fields.

Altrusa was first organized in 1917 in Nashville, TN, and currently consists of more than 446 clubs in 18 countries.



Altrusan Kindness Action Ninjas gather for KAN weekend 2017

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Altrusa of Richardson holds a business meeting on the first Thursday of every month (7:00 pm), and a dinner meeting on the third Thursday of every month (7:00 pm).

Altrusa of Richardson was organized in February 1966, and serves the city of Richardson by providing volunteer support within the community. Many of our members actively serve on city and non-profit boards and commissions.



Altrusans assembling items for Hope's Door



Altrusans Mona Rouani (background) & Helen Bate at KAN Weekend



Altrusans Corrie Miller & Nancy Crave sewing for a service project

CLUB PROJECTS

TYPICAL LOCAL PROJECTS

- Ability House
- Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC)
- Choose Kind Libraries (in some RISD Schools)
- Elementary School Projects
- Hopes Door New Beginning Center
- KAN - Kindness Action Ninjas
- Make a Difference Day
- The NETWORK of Community Ministries
- Richardson Adult Literacy Center (RALC)
- Richardson Reads One Book
- Senior Citizen's Activities

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Friends of the Richardson Library
- Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR)
- Overnight Safe Haven
- The Counseling Place

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- Altrusa International
- Choose Kind Library in Haiti
- Heifer International
- HELPS International
- TeachHaiti
- UNICEF

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF


TODAY...BUILDERS OF TOMORROW

Luncheon and Awards Presentation

is our annual fundraiser and celebration of female leaders from all walks of life in our community.

Altrusa Richardson's Business Card

Altrusa Richardson members have this handy tool available to give anyone who may be interested in finding out more about Altrusa or becoming a member.




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Meetings:
1st & 3rd
Thursdays
at
7:00 PM

Altrusa is an international nonprofit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service.

For a reservation or information, contact:



Club member name and contact information

Meetings held at Richardson Woman's Club
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Richardson Animal Shelter Cat Adoption Room

"Altrusa" Yellow ball of yarn



Richardson Dog Park

BUSH CENTRAL BARKWAY

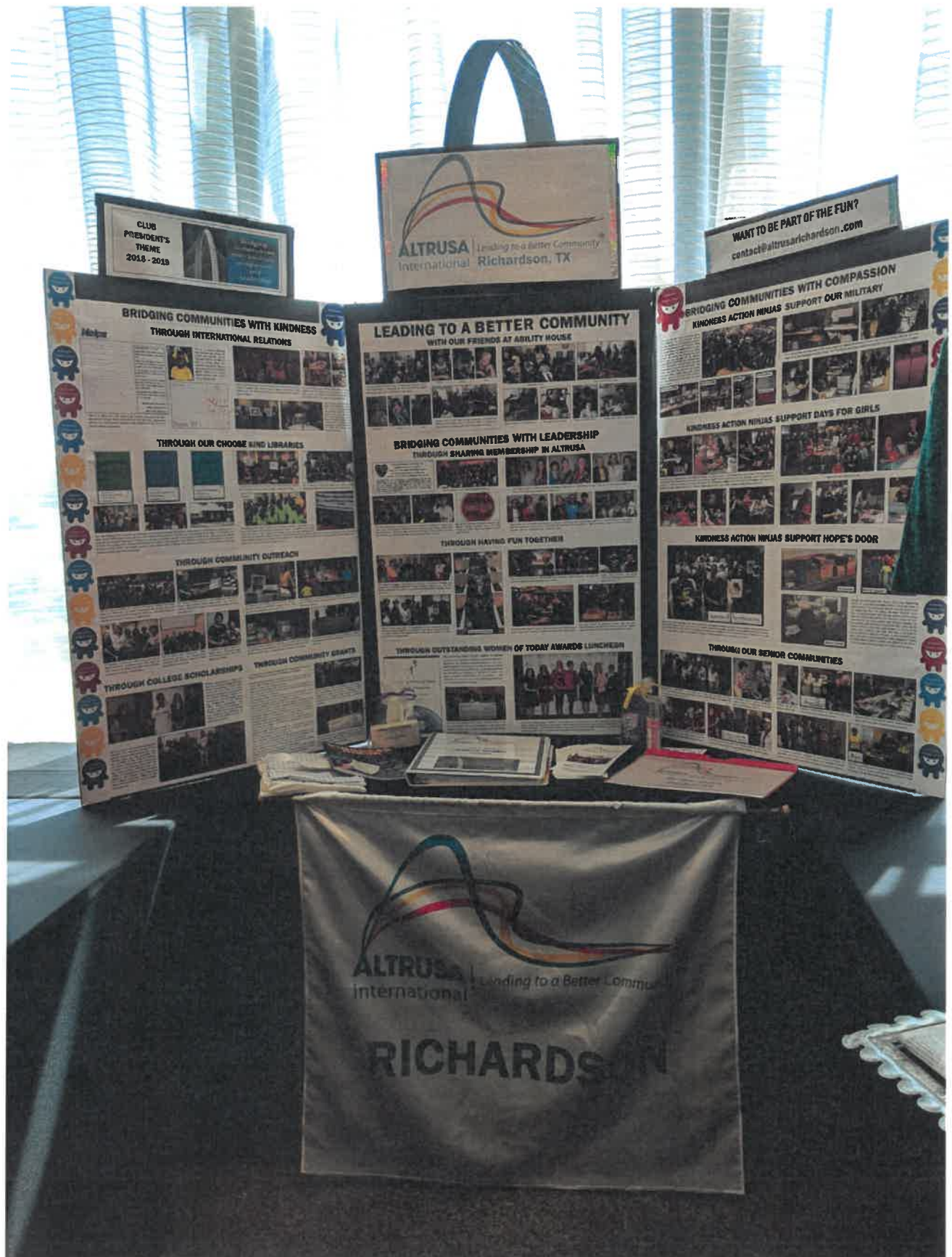


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Paddock Sponsorship



Club Display



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES WITH KINDNESS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Helps

To my benefactors in Africa
Please receive this card greeting
making you someone in your day.
I am very happy because we
have done our mission and are
to help you in a 10th grade.
I am also happy to share my 10th
grade with all my friends and com-
panions here.

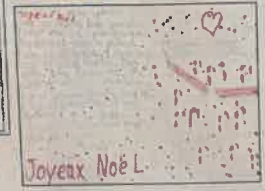
I am thankful to God for another
year of my life with my family. All
my family is very happy because I
am a 10th grade.

I appreciate you reading my letter
and hope of a happy and joyful life
of you always.

Jovanna Zedler, Teresa Medina
St. Ann's School
Santa Ana, Guatemala



This is a holiday greeting
from another girl whose ed-
ucation we sponsor at the
TeachFirst School of Hope in
Port au Prince, Haiti. Her
name is Josephine Hcneine
Sepetia and is in the fourth
grade. There is an interna-
tional Choose Kind Library
in her school, too.



This is a letter from the student girl whose education we have
sponsored through Helps International. We have also established
one of our International Choose Kind Libraries at her school in
Santa Ana, Guatemala.



Altrusa is a non-governmental member of the UN and on observe
many UN special days. Here we wear orange in November in ob-
servance of the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence
Against Women"



For nearly twenty years we have observed International
Library Day by holding an annual Work Day and Pajama Day
each summer. Any books left in the library are donated to
the Friends of the Richardson Library Book Store.



THROUGH OUR CHOOSE KIND LIBRARIES



Two new Choose Kind Libraries, at Greenwood Hills and South Road Elementary, were added in the Richardson ISD this year. A third, Ocean Elementary's library was due to be dedicated this summer. They join six other libraries in the ISD. The Choose Kind Libraries are stocked with books to reach the values of kindness, equality, and bullying and anti-racism. A second grant was received in 2023 that allowed us to continue to in 2023 with a grant from Altrusa International Foundation. A second grant was received in 2023 that allowed us to continue to in 2023 with a grant from Altrusa International Foundation. A second grant was received in 2023 that allowed us to continue to in 2023 with a grant from Altrusa International Foundation.



A Thank you photo for the Choose Kind Library from the children
at the Turner Children's Home in Kigali, Rwanda, East Africa.



This is Samantha's Fifth Grade Class at the William M. Blanton
School, the teacher of our second international library.



The Choose Kind Library Project also includes stories in international lan-
guages. Our newest international Choose Kind Library is located in the Turner
Children's Home in Kigali, Rwanda, East Africa. Our other international li-
braries are in TeachFirst schools in Port au Prince (Haiti) and St. Michael, Haiti (Haiti), and in the William M. Blanton School of
Santa Ana, Guatemala (right). The two libraries in Haiti were sent along with funds to replace after 700 hurricane days.
Santé Haiti in February and November of 2018.

THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Altrusa has sponsored the annual Richardson, Texas Open Book
event for years that has given individuals and groups books and
books. The same book during the summer. Altrusa has an
office at the Author Luncheon in September.



A donation of help books has been made to the "Bait for
Bait" group at Richardson, Texas. The group is a
group of people who are helping to help the
community.



Our Community Outreach Committee donated help for books to
the "Bait for Bait" group at Richardson, Texas. The group is a
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community.



A donation of paper and office supplies was made to the
Richardson, Texas. The group is a group of people who are
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THROUGH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Annual scholarships of Richardson
has been giving college and high
school students to high school
seniors for years. The 2023 schol-
arships were given to students
attending college in the Richardson
area. The students were given
scholarships to help pay for their
college education.

THROUGH COMMUNITY GRANTS



In 2023, the grant, totaling \$8,000, was awarded and fund-
ed by the Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation.



Richardson, Texas. The group is a group of people who are
helping to help the community.



The Richardson Foundation awarded \$1,000 to support the
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LEADING TO A BETTER COMMUNITY WITH OUR FRIENDS AT ABILITY HOUSE



Ability House residents and staff.



Shelly Harry Nina



Halloween Fun!



Merry Christmas Party



Robert Vera



Ability House residents and staff.



Robert loves his baseball cake!



Vera opens her present



Harry and Nathaniel



Shelly can't wait to see inside

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES WITH LEADERSHIP THROUGH SHARING MEMBERSHIP IN ALTRUSA

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. Membership Services Committee invites you to the Annual New Member Party at the Richardson Community Center on Monday, July 30, 2018. The International Day of Friendship is a formal dinner (5:00-7:00 PM) celebrating the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in our world. It is a time to celebrate with you as we get to know some of our newest members. Join us for the happy hour, great food and more fun as we get to know you better. The event ends at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00. Altrusa and your members are welcome to join.



The Richardson Action Nurses celebrate solidarity.



The three wonderful women became Richardson Altrusans in September of 2018. They are shown in the center of each picture with their sponsors on either side.



Three more new Altrusans were initiated in January, March and April respectively. Again they are all pictured in the center with their sponsors on either side. Two more new Altrusans will be initiated on May 22nd and we have two more exceptional ladies, who are scheduled to be initiated in June.



The Fall Membership Orientation Brunch focused on finding our 'Hidden Talents' and sharing them to benefit the club. Everyone has hidden talents that can contribute to our town, even helping a hole in the ground to be a better neighbor, and did we ever have fun showing off those talents!



Spring Membership Orientation Brunch highlighted 'Altrusa Alphabet Soup', all those things you never knew but wanted to know about Altrusa.



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THROUGH HAVING FUN TOGETHER



The 'Board of Officers' (aka Board of Directors, Foundation Trustees and Leadership Committee) practiced 'Behind the Scenes' for our members as they enjoyed the culture of Leadership practice at our October Leadership Dinner.



Big fun being Altrusans!



Author Reception



About thirty Altrusans and guests went on a Halloween Ghost Hunt ... just for the fun of it.



Our monthly book club, the Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society, sponsors an author presentation and reception once a year.



Altrusans were 'Feelin' Groovy' and celebrated our 53rd Birthday in 60's style, with a visit from District King Governor Linda Moore.



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THROUGH OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY AWARDS LUNCHEON



The Outstanding Women of Today, Builders of Tomorrow Annual Awards Luncheon is hosted by Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. honoring exceptional women in their business endeavors. The luncheon benefits the Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. All proceeds generated are returned to the community in the form of service projects, scholarship contributions and scholarships. Over \$24,000 was raised to fund all our community service projects for the 2018-2020 cycle year.



The 2018 Outstanding Women of Today Award winners were (clockwise from left to right) Marjorie Perry (District Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor), Linda Moore (District King Governor).

TY GRANTS



A few of the Altrusans who were honored at the 2018 Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon. Each of the award winners is a member of Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. and a donor to our community.



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES WITH COMPASSION KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

2019 was our 4th Annual Kindness Action Ninja Weekend. Our club sponsors acts of kindness to be done by the Richardson community over the long weekend in April. Our club meets at Friends Place to do several hands on projects all together. This year one of our major projects was packing and shipping care packages for the military. They are going to the Middle East. Altruists and other organizations donated items that are essential to those serving in the desert. The boxes were filled with personal care items, toiletries, snacks, knitted caps, pens, paper airplanes. Students from Stella Road Elementary did the pictures and wrote notes that were also included.



Here are photos showing parts of the highly organized assembly process for the most efficient filling, packing and shipping of the care packages for the military. The Pink Boxes are home baked cookies that were included in the packages.



KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT DAYS FOR GIRLS



The third major Kindness Action Ninja Weekend Project was making parts for and assembling two hundred and seven Days for Girls kits for both women and girls. We also made scrub-free bags to hold the pieces of the kits. Actually, we did all three of the projects on Saturday morning in 4 hours with about fifty Richardson, Garland and Collin County Altruists, and about ten guests of all ages. Two ladies from the Highland Village Days for Girls Team came to teach us the proper procedures.



It was a fun and productive day!



KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT HOPE'S DOOR



Hope's Door/ New Beginning Center helps females and individuals to escape and heal from domestic abuse, dating abuse and family violence in Plano and Garland. The Center provides free emergency shelter and counseling services to individuals and families in crisis. Including stress intervention programs and presentation services to help break the cycle of domestic abuse. A Community Education Program provides prevention and education at no cost.



Art Supplies



More Art Supplies



Sheets & Jewelry

Altruists have partnered with Hope's Door/ New Beginning Center for more than two years. Hope's Door has been a major project of our Kindness Action Ninja Weekend from the beginning. Over the years, we have donated more than a hundred pillows and Altruists crafted pillow cases, toys and stuffed animals for the children, books, art supplies and two art carts, dishes and kitchen supplies, of floor supplies and monetary donations. Beth Laore, the Executive Director, has even participated in the Kindness Action Ninja projects. Last year she was a nominee for the Outstanding Woman of Tolley in the Non-Profit category. This year's Kindness Action Ninja Weekend Project provided seventy sets of sheets and towels to the center. The art supplies were donated to re-stock the art carts.

THROUGH OUR SENIOR COMMUNITIES



Students and volunteers help seniors with their projects and tasks.



A student and volunteer help a senior citizen with her project.



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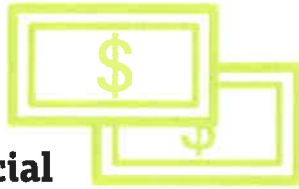


Reporting Period

Jan 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

\$900

Organization Financial
Contributions



547 LBS.

Food Contributions*



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VOLUNTEERS

Contributed 241 hours*

*Information is based on what donor or volunteer provided at time of activity.

Thank you for your support!

